



Aaron Vedquam

December 26, 1968 - May 18, 2012

Aaron Vedquam, 43, Bismarck, died May 18, 2012, at St. Alexius Medical Center after a courageous battle with colon cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 AM at Church of St. Mary in Bismarck with Rev. Gene Lindemann officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2:00 - 8:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a vigil service will begin at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Aaron was born on December 26, 1968, in Bismarck, ND, the son of Wayne and Kerry Boucher Vedquam. He was raised and educated in Bismarck where he graduated from Bismarck High School in 1988. Following graduation, he began working at Streyle Masonry in Bismarck where he worked for twenty-two years. Aaron married Stephanie Schmidt on October 24, 1997, at Church of St. Mary in Bismarck. Aaron enjoyed barbequing and gathering around the campfire in his backyard with his family and friends. He also enjoyed the bowling and dart leagues that he belonged to over the years. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie of Bismarck; his sons, Logan and Maxwell of Bismarck; his father, Wayne of Bismarck; his sisters, Joan Paul Turek of Sidney, MT, and Jean Vedquam Ron Goldade of Bismarck; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother; his grandparents; and one sister, Anne.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Steph, so sorry to hear of Aaron's passing. You are in my thoughts in prayers. Smiley will be missed by all who knew him.*

Cheryl Bagstad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Jean & Joan, I am so sorry to hear about Aaron. He was always happy and "Smiley". He could cheer up anyones day with his smile alone. My condolences to all his family. He will be greatly missed.*

Pamela Tang Lee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *The times we were out together or ran into you, were always such fun Aaron. You always had a smile on your face and enjoying life. Stepha and family, I send my sympathy to you all, and a prayer for you. Aaron will be missed by so many!*

Sandi Barbie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My sympathy to Steph and family members. Aarons smile, and happiness will be missed by everyone that met him*

Sandi Barbie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ My thoughts go out to the Vedquam family. I am a lucky person to have spent my formative years with Aaron. As others have mentioned, "Smiley" raised all of our spirits, every day. I can still remember the many days I walked home from Simle Junior High School with Aaron. We always used a "short-cut", walking through the cemetery off of 26th Street. Ironical how our conversations were never about the sacred ground we were walking upon, but were of our dreams and aspirations. Thank you Vedquam's for sharing your son/brother/spouse/uncle with me. Best Regards, Mark Winden
BHS Class of 1988

Mark Winden - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Stephanie, Wayne, Joan and Jean, Going to school with your family brought me lots of joy, such a great family ... Wayne you should be very proud. Aaron was genuine and a true gentleman. I saw him around last Thanksgiving and was amazed at his attitude and hope, I'm so glad I got to see him. I always looked forward to seeing him grinning at McQuades. Just an outstanding guy and I am grateful that God put him here even for a short time. Smiley was a true blessing..

Jill Schedel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Steph, Logan, Maxwell, and Vedquam family, I am so sorry to hear of Aaron's passing. As many of the entries in this guestbook already mention, I remember his smile most, and that he was one of the nicest people I had ever met. May God bless you all. Sending thoughts and prayers to you at this very difficult time.

Jennifer Toso - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Wayne, Joan and Jean, We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts are with you and you all are in our prayers as well as Aaron's wife. Please know we care and are thinking of you. Virginia

Marv and Virginia Scheurer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Jean and to your family, I'm sorry to hear the passing of your loved one. My deepest sympathy to you!

Rich Bullinger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Smiley...thanks for being a part of my life. You always made my life just a little bit happier to be in. May God bless you and your family at this time. I will miss you.

Lisa Jochim Bahr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Aaron was a Great man. We grew up on the same street 29th St and went to school together. My families thoughts and prayers are with the Vedquam family!! Take Care. Todd Graf & Family

Todd Graf - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ I was a classmate and friend of Aarons. I remember his laugh and his smile. He was a friend to every one who knew him. My deepest sympathy to his Family and Friends. Rest In Peace.

Gary Vossler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ I remember seeing you at breakfast eating the best carmel rolls ever and walking the halls before class at BHS and I would see you and that infectious smile and it would just put a grin on my face. After I moved to fargo and I came home to visit I would always see you somewhere and I will cherish those times. God Bless You and I will pray for your family Smiley....Blessed Be...

Frank Lucier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Stephanie and boys, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take Care Pam and Bob Johnson

Pam Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Steph and Boys, Wayne and Family So sorry to hear of Aaron's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dave Schmidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Aaron, I still remember the days when I was your basketball coach at Rita Murphy. You always had a great smile and attitude. Every time our paths would cross I could tell you were the still the same likeable, smiley person. Rest in peace.

Pete Weissman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Aaron, I am so glad you were in our lives. I enjoyed growing up with you in the neighborhood. I am fond of the memories you created, your smile was the most genuine and as I reflect upon our time together, it's the smile I will cherish. Rest my good friend, rest in God's arms. My deepest sympathy to your family and friends, whom you touched with your love.

Robert Wagner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Aaron Smiley you will be missed by so many. You were truly one of the nicest people that I have ever met, and your smile was such a joy to see and always present. I will continue to pray for Stephanie and your boys, during this extremely tragic loss. You will also forever be in my heart. RIP Aaron SMILEY Vedquam.

Angie Parr Fetting - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To the family of Aaron, Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at such a difficult time. Aaron had such a wonderful infectious "SMILE" that would brighten any room he walked into. Keep your memories close in your heart. God bless you all! Hugs of comfort... Marc, Connie Berger and girls

Marc & Connie Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Sorry to hear about your loss "Smiley" was and will always be a good man. So glad I ran into him at the store was nice to get to talk to him one last time....who knew it would be that last...prayers go out to you.

Annette - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Steph and family, I am so sorry to hear about Aaron. I will always remeber his smile. Aaron was such a great guy and will be missed by us all.

Norma Geiger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Beav- he was a very caring and kind man. He will be missed very much. My prayers are with you all at this time. God Bless Nate Schlag

Nate Schlag - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Wayne, so sorry to hear of Aaron's passing. My thoughts are prayers are with your entire family during this tough time.

Keith Becker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Many of us will fondly remember "Smiley" and will miss him. He enriched many lives simply by existing and being the person he was. Rest in God's arms, Aaron. Thanks for being you.

Dan & Sandy Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ We always remember Aaron as a smiling, happy young man when he was in high school with our son. Rest in Peace, Aaron.

Garvin & Linda Carlson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Aaron you will be missed, It has been along time since i had seen you. My thoughts and prayer to your family and friends at this time of need

Jon Lacis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Steph, Logan and Max. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you all. Aaron will be missed greatly. If there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to call.

Shelly Dean - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Vedquam family, I called my son Rick Welch today to let him know Aaron past away. Yes, he remembered him and called him "smilely". I remember that smile as well when I would run into him. I am acquainted to Aaron through his sisiters, Joan and Jean. They were in Scout camp under me many summers ago. Great kids, all three of them. Wayne should be proud. My heart is sad for all of you. Prayers are with you, Gale

Gale Welch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ Steph and kids you are in my prayers. I will never forget Aaron we went to Bismarck High school together and that smile carried through the halls.

John Lucier III - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Aarons family at this time of need. I met Aaron at Capitol Lanes he was truly a person to be friends with he always had a positive attitude he will be missed by many.

Anton Weekes Jr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Hey just wanted to say keep "smiling" smiley....you will be missed!!!!

Danie & Garvin Carlson & family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Uncle Aaron, I will never forget your wonderful smile. I can still see it when I think about you. I miss you so much. I love you so much.

Amanda Diede - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Wayne, Jacques called to tell me Aaron had died. I have very fond memories of Aaron and your family. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Michele Harmon

Michele Harmon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Steph and family we are really sorry for your loss. Aaron was a great guy and his smile will be really missed. Take care and my thoughts and prayers are you all in this most difficult time.

Lori L Rhoades & family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Lori L Rhoades & family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sorry for your loss. The world won't be quite as bright without Aaron's smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Beverly Strand Brown - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Stephanie and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Aaron was a wonderful husband and dad. Our thought and prayers are will you at this difficult time. Dean and Laura White

Laura White - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Uncle Aaron, You will be missed dearly and we love you very, very much!! Your smile and heart of gold will never be forgotten. God Bless you and that you are no longer suffering. We will miss you every day. We love you!!

Jason, April, Brandee & Brooke Schmitt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Steph, we are so sorry to hear about Aaron. He was a wonderful person and we will always remember his smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care.

Red and Robyn Andrews - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

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JF

“ Heaven is smiling and will enjoy what we have all enjoyed for so long. You could always count on your day being brightened if you encountered Aaron. His smile and laugh were contagious.

Joel Frieze - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ God Bless Wayne and Stephanie and the children. Rest in Peace Aaron

Heidi Stearns Boucher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Aaron, I am sure everyone remembers your Smile. I can still remember days when life was tough and just seeing you in the morning with that smile of yours always lifted me up. Life was for living, glad you were there to remind me how happy life can be. Rest Well my old Friend.....

Linden Pfeiffer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Wayne and family: So sorry to hear about Aaron. He will be greatly missed by all. His wonderful smile and sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and Aaron's family.

Bonnie Fisher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM