



Benjamin Carlson

February 14, 1982 - July 12, 2008

Benjamin Carlson, 26, Bismarck, died July 12, 2008, in a tragic accident. There will be a gathering for family and friends from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with interment following at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck. Ben was born February 14, 1982, the son of Sherie K. Johnston and Robert D. Carlson. Ben attended schools in Mandan and also lived in Florida, Alabama and Texas. Ben brought sunshine to all that knew him. He was witty, charming, kind and gentle. He was a hard worker, working for Dakota Roofing and Caulking and in his free time enjoyed fishing, rock collecting and art. Ben was witty and free-spirited; always wanting to be a mountain man. He is survived by his parents, Sherie William D. Johnston of Weleka, FL and Robert Carlson of Bismarck, ND; his sisters, Kerry Patneaud and Loranda Johnston and his brothers, Alan and Patrick Johnston; his grandparents, Charles and Kathryn Nygaard of Mandan, ND and Clifford Weigum of Dickinson, ND. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles, Judy Schaff, Dean Carol Weigum and many cousins including, Eli Schaff, Matt Weigum and Jessica Bosch and his nephew and nieces, Daniel and Corri Grenz, Amanda Miller, Chance Miller and Sky Miller. He was preceded in death by his brother, Sam Grenz. Ben, we love you so much and you will be forever in our hearts and memory.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *I'll never forget you. You were my first love and best friend. I wish I could have saved you.* ”

Denise Goetz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *I know your heart hurt. I still think of you. I hope you found peace. Kay, I am so very sorry you have lost so much.* ”

Denise - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *We miss u little brother* ”

kerryatneaud - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Ben was a great person. He always knew how to cheer someone up when they were down. I remember he'd always play the song Guitar's Cadillac whenever he's see Jesse or myself. That song will forever remind us of Ben. He made such an impact on everyone that knew him. Ben you will be greatly missed!!!!* ”

Jesse and Amanda Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I will always fondly remember spending hours fishing for walleye at Ben's favorite holes around bismarck-mandan. He loved to scour the rocks and look for fish-hooks and weights or whatever treasures he could find as we waited for fish to bite. One time he took a toad from his dad's house and he put it in the trunk of the car to take it home. We couldn't find it that night so we assumed it had jumped out. The next day we left for minnesota and when we got there the toad had emerged from somewhere inside the trunk and Ben had to let it go in the bushes in Minn. He got such a kick out of having accidentally transported that toad to a different state. He always had a magical personality. He was such a free spirit and taught me how not to sweat the small stuff. He was my best friend and i can't help but miss him a lot. He was a great and lovable guy and I hope that i am able to talk to him again someday.

lindsey kershaw - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I wish I had more time to spend with you ,but I am very glad we got to spend some time. Ben you mean alot to our family .We love you with all of our hearts. I know that your in heaven looking down on us. Ben you are one of a kind and I am proud to have had you as an uncle . I will always remember that day we spent together raking at grampas. You told me to pick up a pile of leaves. I was confused to find a tweenty dollar bill in it. You had thanked me for coming to help . That put a smile on my face Ben . I will always remember you and I look forward to the day we meet in Heaven. I Love You Ben! your nephew Skye Miller.

Skye Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Ben was a good soul, i have many fond memories to hold in my heart of him. *“WHEN I CLAIM MY PAIN,I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF PASSION. WHEN I CLAIM MY ANGER,I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF JUSTICE. WHEN I CLAIM MY LONELINESS, I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF FREINDSHIP. WHEN I CLAIM MY GUILT,I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS. WHEN I CLAIM MY SOLITUDE, I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH.”*

Ashley Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *R.I.P. Benny, I can only imagine living life with as much zest as you had every day. I love you and miss you lots buddy, I'll catch you on the other side homie, SKULLS.*

Sean Bernhardt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Benjamin Carlson*

Jason and Christina Brazell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Hello, For those of you I haven't met, my name is Kerry. I am Ben sister. I knew Ben from the time he was a baby. I remember holding him in my arm's when I was a little girl, I was the baby in my family, so when Ben arrived, I was happy, I had a little brother. Ben and I had different family's, so we were not around each other much growing up. The times we did share are easier for me to remember because of this. I can remember my visit's to Ben's house and how he would be eager to show me his toy's and such. Ben was quiet and shy. this was ok because so was I. In time Ben and I saw less of each other till we had lost contact completley. A few year's ago I felt the need to reconect with my little brother. I would call, but like myself at that age I had lot's of friend's and little time. I was ok with the knowledge that Ben would slow down and become closer to his family, to me. We did get to see each other a few times over the last couple of years. He was able to meet my children and Husband. I am grateful for those now precious moments. I am angry and sad at once. The senselessness of his passing. I wan't Ben to be here with us, but I know I will have to finish my role in life before I can see him again. Hindsight is only afforded after an event awaken's us. So let us all remember Benjamin Carlson with love and joyful memories and not forget to give those around us the same love. Little Brother I will miss you alway's your big sister Kerry Patneaud.

Kerry Patneaud - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am ever so sorry, words can't say enough. If you need a shoulder i'm here. Hugs Linda

Linda Caron - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Sherri, I cannot imagine what you are going through right now. Nothing is harder than losing a child, and for you to have lost 2 sons in less than a year must be unbearable. I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you.

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

RC

“ My dear Ben...this is one of the saddest days of my life. Ben lived with us for almost 8 months. I seen him constantly for over 3 years. I moved to Utah and lost touch. My brother was a big part of his life as well. He visited Mark everyday at his job. We gave him his very first birthday party. He was so happy and loved it. I gave him little parties after this as well. We were close. We had so many long talks. He went pontooning with us soooo many times. We did nickname him Little Tonto. My ex-husband was Tonto. He relished the name. He loved hanging out our house and going to the river with us. Ben brought so much joy to our lives and a little craziness as well. :D I sit here in tears for you Ben and I pray Jesus holds you in your arms and gives you the love you deserve. When it is my time I will look for you in heaven. I love you Benny. Love from your friend, Rhonda

Rhonda Carlson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I love you and miss you now and forever Benny. You will always be in my heart. I'll never forget what a sweet and kind person you had been for me. Your friend Anna from Germany

Anna Beuermann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Ben, I will always remember your laugh. When you laughed you sounded just like me, Your Friend, Elmo*

Elmo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Benjamin Carlson*

March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM