



Christopher Jon Wenzel

October 6, 1988 - September 23, 2011

Christopher Jon Wenzel, 22, went to be with the Lord, September 23, 2011, from injuries sustained from an automobile accident. Services will be held at 10:30 am, Wednesday, September 28, at Charity Lutheran Church, 120 Aspen Ave, Bismarck, with Rev. Scott Bauman officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm Tuesday, September 27, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, with a sharing and celebration of life service at 7 pm. Chris was born October 6, 1988, to Don and Cheri Wenzel. He attended Northridge Elementary, Horizon Middle School and graduated from Century High School in 2007. After graduation, Chris attended NDSU and currently was a student at Moorhead State University. His hopes and dreams were to be a physical education teacher, coach and work with kids. Chris was confirmed at Charity Lutheran Church on Oct 31, 2004. Chris and his twin brother, Dusty, grew up loving all sports, especially the Twins and Vikings. His favorite pastimes were snowboarding, softball, campfires, fishing, and especially baseball, following his older brother, Chad, learning the sport. Chris and Dusty were proud to have been on teams that won two State Championships and got to Regionals with their baseball teammates. Chris coached Babe Ruth Baseball for several summers being a mentor and friend to both players and other coaches. He always bragged about his teams. This past summer was especially special for Chris, coaching the 14 year-old Capitals. He always expressed how lucky he was to coach the kids and the parents were the greatest. Chris, in his short

time on earth, made a big impact on many lives with his positive attitude and contagious smile. Chris enjoyed family time and especially just hanging out with friends. Chris leaves behind his parents, Don and Cheri, Bismarck; brother Chad and twin brother Dustin, both of Rapid City, SD; his grandparents, Marianne Wenzel and Vern and Evelyn Zelmer, all of Bismarck. He also leaves behind his second family, the Koenigs, as well as many, many special friends. He was preceded in death by his Grampa Frank Wenzel who always called Chris "The Smiley One". Chris will be sorely missed by his family and many, many friends. We all love you Chris, and will someday meet again in Heaven.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Don, Cheri, and family, We just heard about your son Chris today and our deepest sympathy goes out to you. As you may remember we lost our son 3 years ago today Sept. 30. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Lenore and Bill Schaff

Bill and Lenore Schaff - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LM

“ Chris was in my Intro to Education class at MSUM last fall. I can still see his face as he asked a question or made a comment in class. He was eager to learn about teaching and contributed well to discussions. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

Lynn Mahlum - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TM

“ Don, Cheri, Chad and Dustin... You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Let God's grace give you peace in this time of great pain.
Tim Mulholland Family

Tim Mulholland - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BK

“ Dear Wenzel Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I had the pleasure of coaching both Chris and Dustin in football, as well as teaching Chad. Your boys are one in a million. Chris lived life with extreme passion and will be greatly missed. I wish you the best in this difficult time. Blair Kelley

Blair Kelley - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SS

“ He will be missed very much, and i'm really sorry to hear about the loss. we'll always remember chris for being so great in all that he does. Stay strong. with love, sarah.

Sarah Stoehr - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DK

“ Wenzel Family, I'm very sorry for your loss and you are in my prayers. Chris was a great mentor,coach, and friend who meant a lot to me and my teammates throughout our Babe Ruth careers. He made it so much fun to come to the baseball field and make ourselves better. Not only was he a great coach but a great person. The only thing that was ever on his face was a smile and that will surely be missed by everyone who knew him. God bless.

Dylan Kadrmas - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

HF

“ Don,Cheri.Vern & Evelyn So sorry to hear of the death of your son and Grandson. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time of loss. May God give you comfort.

Howard & Karen Fitzgerald - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BM

“ Wenzel family, My deepest sympathy for your loss. I have been a baseball coach for over 20 years and I coached against Chris last summer and my son played on my team. I was very impressed by the way he carried himself and coached his kids up. He was teaching those kids the right way to play and act. I made that comment to many of my fellow coaches and to parents and players as well. He was very easy to talk to and always had a smile. You don't see that much anymore with the young coaches these days. He was obviously a special person. Bruce and Alex Mack

Bruce Mack - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BE

“ I worked with Chris at dans in high school for a short time. He may have been the popular guy but he always took time to say hi to everyone and give you a smile I will never forget how nice he was !!! My heart goes out to his family and friends. I pray for him every night. God bless

Beth - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KY

“ Just wanted to tell you that you did a great job at raising Chris. He was a great person with a huge heart! Like everyone else has said, he had a contagious smile! My thoughts and prayers are with you!

Kylie - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LJ

“ i went to school with chis n dustin and i am so sorry this happend to ur family i recently lost my younger brother and i kno somewat of wat ur going through jus stick together and remember all the good times, agian im sorry this happend to ur family

lindsey james - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BF

“ Don, Cheri and Family: Our sincerest condolences on the death of your Son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless! Bill and Kristi

Bill & Kristi Fetsch - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CS

“ I am so so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts go out to you.

Connie Schwartz - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SG

“ I had the pleasure meeting your family years ago having Chad as a student, and then later on enjoying watching Dustin and Chris play on our 7th grade championship basketball team! What a treat for me to see both Dustin and Chris go after every loose ball on the court and lead that team to win it all! All season long they gave everything they had! At Chris' funeral I heard the pastor mention the word "runt" when describing Chris and I had to chuckle a bit, because I have used that word when describing him to my wife years ago. He was far from a "runt" when he played ball. He played like a "big man." I loved watching how both Chris and Dustin would correct each other on the court so that the team would be better! It was a blast for me! Chad, Dustin, and Chris are all wonderful young men in so many ways! Thank you for being part of my life and letting me be part of yours!

Scott Gefroh - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CW

“ Wenzel family, Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. With love and support Christine Wangler

Christine Wangler - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MS

“ Dear Wenzels: Please accept our heartfelt condolences and prayers. Chris was an amazing young man and he will be deeply missed. We can only assume that he's having a great time in heaven's ball park.

Mike, Janel, Jason and DJ Schmitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. My father and Frank went way back .

Julie Harry Kuhn - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JA

“ May God send a legion of Angels to comfort you during this time of grief and loss. May the blanket of Christ's presence keep you warm as you journey through the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers, God Bless.

James & Angie Avard - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JK

“ Chris, you coached us in our 13 year old season and never had anything to say after the games, played with Zach for numerous years, and led me to a league championship. I always looked forwards to umping for your teams. I can't believe you're gone. Have fun with God. Hope to see you in the future.

Joe Klabo - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. May you find peace and love with each other in the days to come.

Jim & Lori Fetch family - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DM

“ Cheri, Don, Chad, and Dustin- Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in these times. I will always have fond memories of Chris, and he will be dearly missed by all.

Dan Macintosh - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MB

“ Chad, Dustin, Cheri, and Don - My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you all in your time of loss. May the Lord give you strength during this difficult time. Chris will be truly missed.

Miranda Brendel - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TS

“ Dear Wenzels, I'm so sorry about Chris. I'll always have a ton of great memories to cherish every time I think about him and miss him. The summers of baseball will always be on top of the list. I will always smile when I think about all of the dumb stuff we did together. Whether it was playing long-toss for slooshies, our wiffle ball games that turned into cage matches, the fish stories, or all of the jokes that were played on each other, one thing was always there. That was Chris' big smile and his huge heart... His passion, love for others, and sense of humor will never be forgotten. They will always live within our memories-and Dustin we have a ton of those left to make. We both know we have some buddies who don't know how to fish, play wiffle ball, and many other things-and it is up to us to teach them. We are here for you and love you just as much as we love Chris. I am truly sorry for the loss of Chris, but know he will live on in so many people and in so many ways. Sincerely,

Tom Seifert - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

VS

“ Dear Cheri and Don, Our sincerest sympathy to you in the loss of Christopher. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lane and Valerie

Valerie Anderson Stockeland - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SG

“ Don, Cheri and family, I was saddened to see in the paper that Chris had passed away; please accept my deepest sympathy. I will continue to keep your family in my thoughts and in my prayer.

Shelly Geiszler - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TH

“ Don, Cheri, Chad and Dustin, Our hearts are aching and we are all so sorry for your loss. We remember getting to know Chris when the boys were in junior high. We loved him from the start with that big smile and friendly personality. We have great memories of the Sat. morning breakfasts. He was a great friend to Nick and we were all blessed to have known him. Remembering him in love and keeping you in prayer, Tim, Gail, Nate and Nick Horner

Tim and Gail Horner - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BS

“ Dear Wenzel family, I am deeply sorry for your loss of Chris. He was one of a kind. I truly enjoyed being his teammate since the days of little league all-stars on up to legion baseball. He always was energetic and was always out there in LF giving his all. I'll never forget one of his many diving catches against Minot in WDA 15 yr old year. That was the funnest year of baseball I think any of us had. I also had the opportunity to work with him and he was always full of life and a great people person. He was a great coach and role model to so many. He will always be remembered and never forgotten. I love and miss you already man. Take care CDUB.

Brandon Solemsaas - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DW

“ Don, Cheri and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

DeLon Weisz - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DV

“ Dear Wenzel family, I am very sorry for your loss. Chris was a great guy and a great coach. He will be missed dearly by all. God bless.

Drew Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

WA

“ Wenzel family, We were heartbroken to hear the news about Chris. Our son, Ben had the honor of being coached by Chris the past 2 summers. Chris was not only a mentor and a friend to Ben, but one of the most positive role models a parent could ask for their son. We are so grateful that Ben had the opportunity to know Chris and share a part of his wonderful life. Please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for sharing him with us. God Bless!

Wayne, Cressy & Ben Aberle - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KA

“ Dear Wenzel family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our sons both had the privilege of having Chris as a baseball coach. They both enjoyed Chris and Dustin. My oldest son, Chris came to me when he heard the news about Chris and told me that your son was the first coach to ever believe in him! He was an inspiration to so many boys and will be missed. Please know our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. The Uhler's

Karen - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BZ

“ Cheri & Don, We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your son Chris. We can't even imagine what it must be like to lose a child. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Bruce & Mary Zelmer - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

GS

“ Dear Don & Family, Gary & I are very saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gary & Vina Snider family

Gary & Vina Snider - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MW

“ Dear Don Cheri and family. I was deeply saddened when I read about your loss. Keep the faith and know that we morn with you. May God give you the strength to carry on. God Bless you and your family.

Marv Wegner - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BJ

“ We are so sad for your loss, but look forward to all being together one day in Heaven. You have many wonderful memories to cherish. God Bless you and we will lift you up in prayer.

Bonnie Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

ME

“ So very sorry for your loss -- keeping you in my thoughts and prayers and hoping that the love of your friends and family will serve as some sort of small comfort at this very difficult time.

Michelle Ellefson - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

AW

“ Chris made an impact on all of us at the Youth Commission/Boys & Girls Club. The work he did with our organization has positively affected the lives of many youth in the Fargo-Moorhead area. He will be deeply missed.

Alicia Waldoch - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

AB

“ To the Wenzel Family. Words can not begin to express our deep sadness on hearing of Chris' passing. We too had the great honor of knowing Chris through baseball! He was my son's league coach as well as his All-Star coach the last 2 years. He had such a huge impact on him as well as the entire team/parents! He was looked to as a big-brother and we couldn't have asked for a better role model for our boys than Chris. He will be greatly missed by all and may the many wonderful memories help you all in this very difficult time. God Bless.

Allan, Liz & Hunter Beckert - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SK

“ Cheri & family, With thoughts of deepest sympathy on the loss of your son, Chris.

Sterling & Jan Keller - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KD

“ Just met Chris for the first time a few months ago, he was a very energetic and upbeat kid, was fun to be around, had a very positive attitude, My sympathy and prayers are with your family.

Kevin Dutchuk - March 17, 2015 at 12:01 AM

VC

“ Cheri & family, I am tremendously saddened at the loss of your son, Chris. A parent's worst nightmare.....I can only imagine your grief and sorrow. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of your family during this incredibly sad and tragic time. May God's Grace and Love be with you.

Vicki Colis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Our Thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. Jamie played baseball against Chris and Dusty from BR thru Legion and fondly remebers Chris and the rivalry they had. Robin and I also have many memories of those games and time spent around Chris, Dusty and the Bismarck Teams.

Jamie / Allen / Robin Ollila - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My Prayers and thoughts are with your family. I had the privilege to know Chris from working together at the Fargo Youth Commission. He will be missed but always remembered for his Smile.

Kacie Wollitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Cheri and family - my sincere sympathies on the loss of your son and brother. God's blessings on all of you.

Darlene Ziegler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry to hear about this tragedy. It breaks my heart to think of your family, but know that God is in control. I remember going with my grandma and grandpaPhil and Dorothy Johnson to visit SD and playing with Chad and Chris and Dustin. It was a long time ago but i do remember having the best time there. Please know that you all are in our prayers.

Kristen Sholl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Chad and the Wetzel family, I am so sorry to read of your loss of a precious brother and son. May the Lord hold you up during this time of mourning and in the future. Know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Stephanie Scott Chad's 5th Grade Teacher

Stephanie Scott - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Chad and family, My deepest sympathy go out to you and your family on the sudden loss of your brother and son, Chris. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandy Kemp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. I remember him not only from high school, but as a teaching assistant at NDSU. I remember his ever-present smile, even on exam days. His cheery attitude and indomitable spirit will truly be missed.

Jacob Michael Froehlich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I personally do not know Christopher. However, I read the obituary and felt compelled to write a note. Sounds as though he was an incredible young man. I have a son close to his age, and as a parent I am so very, very sorry for your family's loss. I know this has to be a very difficult time for you all, and just know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Robin

Robin Rademacher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Wenzel Family...Our condolences to all of you. Such a pleasure to have been a part of your baseball memories. Shannon, Twila, Tyler, Trevor and Toria Johnson

Shannon and Twila Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to the Wenzel's, and all his relatives and friends. Chris was just one of those full of life kids that no matter who you were, you knew just by being around him a short time that he was a hard worker and really loved his job as a coach, and loved being around and looking out for kids. I had the honor of working with him for the past few years in Babe Ruth, I really enjoyed he and Dusty both, they were great coaches and good kids themselves. We have lost a great young man here and I for one will very deeply miss seeing that smiling face on the baseball diamond. I am Honored to have known him and worked with him. Go rest high on that mountain Chris!

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

GS

“ We were so sorry to hear this very sad news about Chris and are keeping you all in our prayers with Love and Sympathy. I know Gramma Evie is pretty proud of her Grand Boys and all that they do. God Bless You All

Gary & Sharlotte Schwalk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Yes, we will meet some day in Heaven. We believe that.

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

KP

“ I will remember Chris most for his contagious smile and his infallible kindness. My thoughts and prayers are with his family & friends.

Kasey Pinks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VY

“ Cheri and Don, Our hearts go out to you at this time of loss. We are praying for God to comfort you and give you peace. You raised a wonderful son.. Your cousin, VeeAnn

VeeAnn Zelmer Yates - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Don, Cheri, Chad, and Dustin We are so deeply sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May all your loving memories bring you peace. God Bless.

Pete & Judy Rudser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Don--You and your family are in our prayers. May God grant you comfort and peace.

Vern and Vi Spitzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dustin and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time. I have so many great memories with Chris and Dustin growing up. He was able to make many people smile. He will be missed greatly.

Lindsey Sauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss

Roger & Bergetta McCloskey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Don, Cheri, Chad, and Dustin. It is tough to put my thoughts in words for your family. You should be proud of what Chris has accomplished as a young man. He has earned his wings. My prayers go out to you and if you need anything, you know you can call. God Bless

Rob Leingang - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We are so saddened by the loss of Chris! We have so many wonderful baseball memories with your family. We will always remember how excited the boys were to win the 14 year olds state championship in DL, finally beating Minot. Chris was a big factor in that win. We are happy to hear he continued to share his talents with the kids. We will miss his quick smile. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Love the Seiferts

Mike and Jane Seifert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Wenzel family, So very sorry for the loss of Chris. My thoughts and prayers go out to you in this most difficult time. God bless... Mike

Mike & Zimmerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Don and Family, I am having a hard time to find words to describe how I feel for you and your family for this terrible loss. So, simply put I would like to offer you my sincere and deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers for the loss of your son, Chris. Sam Ude and family

Sam Ude - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Cheri - I am so sorry for your loss... My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

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

SF

“ Cheri, Don, Chad and Dustin: We are keeping you close in our thoughts and prayers. Take comfort knowing what a wonderful man Chris was. God Bless.

Sharon Eckert and Mark Foss - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Cheri, Dustin and family, I am sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept my sympathy and condolences.

Tim Kuntz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Wenzel family- As you comprehend this profound loss, let yourself cry knowing each tear is a note of love rising to the heavens... We are lifting you all up in prayer.

Wayne & Missy Munson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Wenzels: Be at peace with the fact that Chris is in a better place. While he was with us he achieved a-lot! He touched the lives of many people so positively. This ranges from the many friends he had to the kids he coached and mentored. I saw Chris late this summer at the north Walmart, he spied me and we chatted for some time. As I look back now I am so so happy I was able to see him again. I will miss his conviction to things he felt strongly about, his drive and determination to succeed and that omnipresent sheepish smirk!! Blessings, Dirk & Brenda Hausauer

Brenda & Dirk Hausauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and friends. I remember your boys from when they were little at the daycare and I had the privilege of being their teacher. Monika Kitzan

monika - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ May God comfort you as only He can - through the presence of family and friends, countless happy memories of Chris and with the promise of a joyful reunion. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

John & Pat Sebastian - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ We too had the privilege to know Chris through baseball. He coached my son, Cyril, for the last 2 years and he was truly one of the best coaches he ever had. He was just a natural leader, mentor, and teacher and was very well respected in our baseball community. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you during this difficult time. Megan and Cyril "C" Nagurski #14

Megan Nagurski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Don, Cheri, Chad & Dustin We are so sorry to hear of Chris's accident. Chris was so young when we moved to Dickinson so I never had the chance spend much time with him but I had a chance to see him in action as a coach and what a good one he was. My son was in a tournament in Bismarck and we were playing against Chris's team. Late in the game my son had a error and Chris came up to him and gave him some helpful words of advice. Chris had know idea that the player was my son and that I had know Don for years. Things got busy after the game so I never had a chance to thank him and explain who I was and how I had know him. What a fine young man to be proud off. Our thought and prayer are with you all.

Terry Dvorak and Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Don, Sheri, Chad & Dustin, Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss of Chris. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad and difficult time. Steve, Kit and Justin

Steve, Kit, and Justin LeBlanc - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Cheri, Don and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. God's comfort and peace to all of you.

Marian Voeller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Chris was clearly a wonderful young man that made an amazing positive impression on many people. Our son, Zach, had the opportunity to get to know Chris during the 13 year old regional tournament. He said he was so encouraging and he really enjoyed him. He said 'Wenzel' was the best. No words can take away the hurt but want you to find comfort. God protects and brought Chris home. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Stephanie Zenker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OR

“ We are so sorry for your loss and we pray God will comfort you during this difficult time! We pray that God will see you through this hard time. Love, Nettie & Oscar

Oscar & Nettie Rueb - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Christopher's accident. Know that we are praying for you that the Lord will put His Loving arms around and lift you up!!! He sees your broken hearts and will mend them as you trust in Him!! Love and Prayers, John & Marlys Grasl

John & Marlys Grasl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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John & Marlys Grasl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We have you in our thoughts and prayers. Jim and Linda and Brandon

Jim and Linda Boyd - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Don, Cheri, Chad, & Dustin, our hearts go out to your family, Chris will be remembered in our hearts as a fun loving person that enjoyed life to it's fullest, a very kind and compationate young man that followed the values of his parents. He will truly be missed.

Jim Buechler & Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Cheri, Don and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the comfort of friends give you strength during this difficult time. Know that so many people care and hearts are aching for each of you. May God's love bring you comfort and peace.

Jeannie & Mike Koffler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Cheri, Don and family, May God grant you strength and comfort during this time. You are in our prayers. Diane and Mike

Diane and Mike Paul - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Wenzel Family, We were fortunate enough to have Chris work for us at the Youth Commission. His constant smile and gentle manner with the children will be greatly missed. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Amber Magnell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Cheri, Don and boys, I am so sorry. My heart truly aches for you and your family. IF there is anything that I can help you with, PLEASE feel free to call anytime! Rose

Rose Paulson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I love you and miss you so much chris!

sean knodel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you guys. Chris was the coach of my 13 and 15 year old teams. Not only did Chris teach us how to play baseball, but he taught us how to be respectable, good young men. I have never had a coach before or after who cared so much about us players that he became friends with alot of us after we left the babe ruth ranks. I know I speak for all the kids that have played for Chris' teams over the years when I say that he will be missed so much and that the Bismarck Babe Ruth Baseball Program has lost one of not only its best coaches but one of the nicest guys to ever put on a Bismarck jersey. God Bless, Dan Bihrlle, member of Chris' 2006 13 state championship team and Chris and Dusty's 2008 15 year old state championship team.

Dan Bihrlle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Don, Cheri, Chad and Dustin I was so very saddend to hear of the loss of Chris and my prayers and sympathy to all of you. We knew Chris through Babe Ruth Baseball and Century High School Sports. Chris's smile is always there and he will be missed by many. My prayers will be with all of you during this most difficult time.

Vicki and Erik Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Dear Wenzel family- We knew Chris through Babe Ruth where our son, Joel, had the privilege of having Chris as a coach for 2 years, both for his regular team and for the traveling team. What a special group of 13 & 14 year olds and wonderful coaches--Chris, Dustin & Ryan. The players all loved Chris--he was a friend to them, but not a buddy---he was a leader and mentor. You could tell that he cared about these boys tremendously and taught them a lot about what it means to be a team. We are so deeply sorry for your loss and pray for peace for all of you. We know that Chris is in God's loving arms and will be with all of us in spirit forever. Sincerely, David & Beth Thune

Beth Thune - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ We remember Chris as being a great competitor in ev'ry sport. He was fun watching on the field in Midget football His presence and spirit will be remembered forever, and now, who's to say he isn't organizing a game of sorts with Gods' children. May these words bring comfort and smile or two when your heart feels like it's never going to heal. Love and prayers for your family!

Jeff & Trella Nygaard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Don & Sheri and family We are sorry for you loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Russ & Vanessa Kroshus - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ Don, Cheri, Chad and Dustin we are so sorry to hear about Chris . You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Chris and his ever present smile will be missed by so many. Dave & Nicki Vasbinder

Nicki & Dave Vasbinder - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

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Sherri Neis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Sherri Neis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *To Dustin and the Wenzel family- I just wanted to express my condolences at this time of tragedy. I was shocked and saddened by the news of your loss. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this tough time.*

Blaine Steiner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ *Don, Sheri, Chad and Dustin, We were so saddened to hear about Chris and want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We have many great memories of Chris and your family from all of great baseball yrs. It breaks my heart to know what you are going through. He was a great young man and will be missed by many! Keep all of those great, cherished memories close to your heart! With our sincerest sympathy and prayers - The York family*

Todd, Dori, Michael and Jordan York - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Don, Sheri, Chad, and Dustin, Our thoughts and prayers are with you as face these difficult times. We were in shock when Brandon told us what happened. Let us know if you need anything at all. You are in our prayers, Scott, Nadine Solemsaas and family

Nadine Solemsaas - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Cheri, Don and Family, You are in my constant prayers as you go through this tough time. Please rely on your friends for support - we are there for you. God be with you, Becki

Becki Barnhart - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

Michael Gustavsson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YE

“ Your family has been in my prayers since I heard the news yesterday morning. My heart is broken for your unimaginable heartache. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are continually in my thoughts and more importantly in my prayers. May the Lord give you strength and renewed courage each moment, each hour, and each day.

Yvonne Ebertz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Don, Sheri, Chad, and Dustin, We are so very sorry for this tremendous loss. Please know that you have been on our minds every second of every day since we heard this terrible news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tom, Sue, Pat and Lacey Schouweiler

Sue Schouweiler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM