



Curt Radke

June 23, 1943 - December 29, 2011

Curt Radke, 68, Bismarck, peacefully passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2011, at his new home, the Good Samaritan Society in Bismarck. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his passing. A memorial service will be held at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, on Monday, January 2, at 2:00 PM. No viewing will take place. A gathering for the celebration of Curt's life will take place at the funeral home following the memorial service. Internment will take place at the ND Veterans Cemetery in Mandan on Tuesday, January 3, at 12:00 Noon. Curt was born June 23, 1943, in Beulah, ND, to George and Freda Erdmann Radke. He graduated from Golden Valley High and in June 1961 he proudly served his country in the US Air Force. He served his tour in Italy and returned to North Dakota in 1965. He married Mary Falk on August 4, 1966. Throughout his life, Curt lived in Bismarck, Fessenden, and Hazen. Wherever Curt called home, he made many good friends and countless lasting memories. Curt was a tried and true salesman throughout his whole life. He loved to "wheel and deal" and would often shake the dice to close a deal. Many of his early salesman years were spent on the road. He began working at Manny's Sports Center when it opened in Beulah. He was named sales manager and continued there until he retired in 1993. Curt's passions were fishing, hunting, and his family. He spent countless weekends camping with his family enjoying the outdoors. Those who knew him well knew that he was quick with a fish tale and even quicker with a "colorful" joke. Curt spent many hours on the road "hunting" with his

cousin Jim. He also formed a fishing team with Jim and traveled to many lakes and rivers for tournaments. They were always "just out of the money". Once Curt moved to Bismarck, he spent many hours on the river with Kirk Perman. He also enjoyed many evenings spent outside visiting with Mike and Tyler or a supper out with his friend Jim. The family can never thank his cousin Jim, Kirk, Jim, Mike, and Tyler for their friendship. Curt is survived by his wife, Mary; and his children, Stephanie Jeff McGregor, Bismarck, Michelle Brent Radke-Hella, Fargo, and Kurt "Beast" Melissa Radke, Prescott, WI. Some of the most precious people in his life were his seven grandchildren, Taylor and Ashton McGregor, Sydney, Will and Alex Hella, and Delaney and Evan Radke. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Freda Radke. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the St. Alexius Kidney Dialysis Staff and the caregivers at the Good Samaritan Society for the kindness and compassion shown to Curt. Memorials are preferred to Good Samaritan Society or Bismarck Senior Center.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Mary, Stephanie, Michelle, Beast and families, I am so sorry to hear of Curt's passing. I have many fond memories of him. May your family feel held, supported, and loved by the communities that surround you as you move through these difficult times. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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

IB

“ Mary & family. We are so sorry for the loss of Curt. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Keep his memories close to your heart. Clayton and Irene Beckman

Irene Beckman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the entire Radke clan and especially Kurt, Melissa and kids, we are very sorry for your loss...we never had the pleasure of meeting your father, but we did hear some of the stories...he seemed to be quite the character. Take care.

Dave and Lisa Seeley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Mary and family, I was sorry to hear of Curt's passing. I'll always have fond memories of him. Like when he and dad tried to "remodel" the dining room..haha. Glad to see Beast stuck w/little Curt too! love to all, Teresa

Teresa Stern Huskey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Mary and Family, So very sorry for your loss, your family's will be in our prayers as you lay him to rest. God be in my head God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.

Tanya Clapper Cox - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mary, Stephanie, Michelle and Kurt. Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you and your families and lay His comforting hand on you. Kevin

Kevin Stern - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We are sorry to have missed the services today. Our son Emmett and children showed up unexpectedly. They had not been here for a year so we just could not leave. You have been in our thoughts and prayers throughout the day. Love you

lois mollman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ZS

“ David and I wish to extend our sympathys to Mary, Stephane, Curt and Michelle. May you be blessed with his memorites.

Zan and David Severson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Steph,Mary,Michelle,And Beast, I am so sad for your loss. So many good jokes will now be forgotten. I will miss that about him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your familys.

Clara Trottier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mary and Family, We are sure sorry about your loss. I don't remember a time when I saw Curt that beef did not come up in conversation. It was so good to see him at the Christmas party. We will sure miss him. He truly was a wonderful guy... Ken and Mary Schmidt

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

GE

“ Mary and family, Becky and I send our deepest sympathies. Curt was a wonderful man and will be missed dearly.

Greg Edwards - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Mary, Steph, Michelle and Beast and your families my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Take comfort in each other and enjoy all the precious memories.

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

ES

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. We are sorry for your loss. Emanuel & Faye Stroh

Emanuel & Faye Stroh - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Although Curtis was a first cousin to Dad, he was treated like an uncle by all of us. I do remember when I first got married, both Mary and Curt had a hand in helping me with furnishing my house. I don't know more generous people. As I remember fondly Uncle George and Aunt Freda, I don't remember a time when the Radkes weren't a part of our lives. His weakness for bread-and-butter pickles ALWAYS affected my garden planning. I know he was as close to my Dad, Jim, as a brother. Tales of their trips always have us laughing so hard we have to clutch our sides! The last time I saw him, he seemed very much himself and I am glad for that. I empathize with everyone and his loss will always be felt by this family.

Carmelle ErdmanKuehn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Mary and family, We will miss driving into our shared driveway and seeing Curt sitting out front of the house enjoying a sunny afternoon or nice evening. Many times we would stop over and catch up on what was going on or hear the latest story, which family members had already heard numerous times. Curt was a genuinely nice guy, we will miss him.

Gene and Dana Bischke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mary and family, So sorry to hear about Curt. We have so many good memories of get-togethers at your house in Fessenden. Love and Prayers Joan and Bob Martin

Joan and Bob Martin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mary & family, So sorry to hear about Curt. I remember when he would come to see you in the ER and would always have a joke for us. He will be missed.

Mary Speirs - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ A heartfelt thank you to all of you who have shared memories of my Dad. They are giving my family and I so much comfort. My Dad made a friend of everyone he met, he loved to visit with people and share his sometimes truly terrible jokes. He was the most loving, giving person I have ever known. I miss you so much Dad. Steph

Stephanie Radke McGregor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Dear Steph, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I know how special he was to you. I am thinking about you and your family. Please take care.

Heather Kramer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ our sympathys to you all. As a classmate, I remember he always enjoyed a good joke. We know his health had been failing for years and he will be missed by his family and friends. Dean and Arlene Helling

Dean-Arlene Helling - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Mary & family, So sorry to hear about the loss of Curt. Our sympathies go out to you. Sure enjoyed your time spent in Hazen & will never forget the unending supply of stories Curt ALWAYS had to share. May God bless you & comfort you during this difficult time.

Kerry & Pam Vetter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Curt will always be remendered. He always had a good joke to tell He willed be missed. Bill & Marcy Blomquist

Bill & Marcy Blomquist - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Dear Mary and Family, We were sorry to hear about Curt's death. He will certainly be remembered fondly in this community. We hope your memories of him will be of some comfort to you all. Please accept our sympathy. Larry and Nancy Beck

Nancy Beck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Mary, Michelle & Brent, Steph & Jeff, Beast & Melissa and families - I am so very sorry for your loss. Curt was definitely one of a kind and he will be greatly missed. The obituary was very nicely written and is Curt to a T. I will always remember his jokes - he had an endless supply.

Patti Kritzberger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ It is Friday evening,9:30. I have just learned of your sadness. We will surely miss the jokes that he and /Frank shared back and forth. Bless you all in this difficult time.

Lois Mollman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Curt's family at this time. I really enjoyed Curt's sense of humor and all the good food he used to cook. He was always there for my grand-daughters Taylor and Ashton and I am sure all his grand-children, children and certainly Mary. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Evelyn McGregor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Mary & family, My deepest sympathy to you. I'll never forget Curt's "did you hear the one about....." He always had a good joke/story to tell and he never complained. Treasure the memories! Cindy & Don Fischer

Cindy Fischer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM