



Deborah Kraft

February 9, 1954 - May 21, 2009

Deborah Ann Kraft, 55, Bismarck, died May 21, 2009. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 AM at Church of St. Mary in Bismarck with Rev. Gene Lindemann officiating. Burial will be held at the ND Veterans Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. The family will be greeting visitors from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday at Eastgate Funeral Service where vigil service will begin at 7:00 PM. Debbie was born on February 9, 1954, in Bismarck, ND. She was the first of nine children to Gerald and Betty Bidwell Simon. She grew up on a farm south of Judson and attended Judson Elementary School and New Salem Public School where she graduated in 1973. On August 16, 1974, Debbie married John Kraft of Bismarck at Church of St. Mary and enjoyed 34 years of marriage. Debbie was employed at Marillac Manor where she loved working with the elderly. She also worked at the Amvets. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, decorating, going to her son's softball games, traveling, and most of all, playing with her grandchildren. She was a warm, caring and loving person who enjoyed time with family. She is survived by her husband, John Kraft of Bismarck; her sons, Curtis Angee Kraft of Max, ND, and Brent Crystal Kraft of Bismarck; her grandchildren, Candice Jesser and Levi Kraft of Max, and Carson Kraft of Bismarck; her mother, Betty Simon of Bismarck; her sisters, Carol Wayne Hochhalter of Bismarck, Kathy Getz of Bismarck, Susan Don Lipp of Mandan, Bonnie Mike Paine of Waseca, MN, and Melissa Kevin Rymer of Summerville, SC; her brothers, David Margaret Simon of Cottage Grove, MN, Joel Shelly Simon of New Salem, and Quentin Misty Simon of

Fingal, ND; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.
She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Simon, and her brother-in-law, Ed Getz.

Tribute Wall

EP

“ Dear Family, My sympathy goes out to all of you. Debbie was such a good friend to this 104 year old! Our friendship was sealed by many a Reuben sandwich that we split over the years. I will miss her a lot, and I know I won't be able to eat the Reubens by myself. Debbie was a blessing to all of us at Marillac! May God Bless you all, Ednah

Ednah Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Uncle John, Curtis, and Brent, I am so sorry for your loss. Aunt Debbie will always be remembered. She was so amazing, her heart and caring was sincere. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Connie Sesar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Curt and Family, Our sincere apologies on the loss of your loved one!! Our thoughts and prayers will be with you at this very difficult time.

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

EM

“ I only can remember you smiling and celebrating life. You are always such a bright light throughout life. I wish there were more time with you on earth, but I know Heaven is blessed at this time. I smile and think of the "wucky Charms" and the pig piles... Thank you for all your love and positive beauty!!

Ellen Metz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“*Deb was a special person who went about life without a splash. She was a hard worker, kind, and caring. She loved her family! She was proud of her grandchildren. She cleaned our camper we purchased from Capital RV, Bismarck, before we purchased it. She smiled and said, "This is a real clean one. You got a good one." I never clean it without thinking of her. She gave us such confidence we had made a good purchase. Deb is now seeing her Dad and brother-in-law, Ed. Deb, there is none like you on this earth. That's the beauty but also the ache of it.*

Colleen Ressler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“*Dear John and Family: Our deepest sympathy John and Family may we all understand someday as to the why? We only have to trust Gods way of doing the extreme sometimes. and this is one of them. Please take comfort in knowing you are all in our prayers. Sincerely, Joe and Donna Sickler*

Donna Sickler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“*John & family: My heart goes out to you at the difficult time. Deb & you, John always had time to talk to me if I would see you around. I always enjoyed visiting with you and catching up on your family and what your boys were up to. I will always remember Deb's smile and giggle. My thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time. God Bless & Take Care !!*

Eldean Heupel Flath - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry to hear about the accident. My thoughts and prayers will be with you. I loved her so much and will miss her. True friendship like we had is hard to find. I pray she will now be our guardian angel and watch out for all of us. Angels never have to dye their hair. With all my love, Juanita and family

Juanita Achtenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ We are very saddened to hear about the tragic loss of your mother.. we are thinking and praying for you everyday. God Belss you during this very difficult time.

Casey & Miranda Jose - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Debbie was a wonderful lady. Your family has my deepest sympathy. God bless all of you.

Marcella Gappert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. She was such a wonderful lady to talk too. She will be missed by so many people. My heart goes out to you John, Curtis, and Brent and the rest of your family.

Sharon Boehm - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Debbie, You were the best, always cheerful and pleasant. I will miss you! You always brought on smiles with you and John. I feel very special I was able to meet you in our families and will never forget you. John, I feel so sorry to here about your lost! Debbie was blessed while she was here with us and I will always remember you and her with you attitude towards life, you and her would always find humor no matter the outcome. Keep up the smiles with this disappointment in our lives. May God Bless You John!

Jonathan Sesar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“John & Family, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful wife and mom. John - you and Deb have become wonderful friends. We really got to know Deb well when her and Kathy went on a cruise with us. We will never forget when Deb and Kathy climbed in the trees to find the New England red leaves; they looked like a couple of monkeys : Deb was a wonderful person and she will be missed greatly by all. We will pray for your healing, your loss, and our wonderful friend. Wishing you peace and comfort.

Cindy & Clyde Graff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“John, I am so so sad to have read about Deborah's death in the paper. Just wanted you to know I am thinking of your family and our prayers are with you to continue on. Linda

Linda Gietzen Riskedahl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“Kathy, I'm sorry for the loss of your sister. I've always enjoyed viviting with her, when I was up at Marillac.

Bev Prom - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jhon and boys I am so sorry for your to hear about Deb. Take care of yourselves. Love Sandy

Sandy Simon & Jimmy Sapienza - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ I will always remember cleaning campers with Deb at Capital RV. We loved to turn on the "oldies" music and try to hide from the mice in some of those old campers. She was such a kind hearted person and a hard worker. She will greatly be missed as a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Vi Bullert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear John and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Debbie was a unique individual. She was kind, compassionate and always looking out for others. She was a good worker and went about her business in a quiet and determined way. I will miss her. She would always stop by the clinic to visit with me and say hello! Not to mention we would always see each other at auction sales, grocery shopping and out on the bike path. I won't forget her warm loving smile. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Karen Rohr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ John, Kurt, Brent and family. We were very shocked to hear about the loss of Debby. We were in Fargo, and Jamie called and told us about the death of Debbie. We will never forget Debby, anytime we saw her and John, no matter where we were, Debbie always took the time to sit and talk awhile. She was so very proud of her boys and their families. She always had to talk about the grandkids, and we would sit and compare our grandkids to our kids. We will remember the good time we had at Kurt and Angies wedding. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. If there is anything we can do, just call.

Jim and Maxine Bosch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Deb was good and loving person and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Kraft family in this time of grief. Just remember that you have many years of happy memories to hold onto to.

Rick and Crystal Kerns - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Call if you need anything.
Love, The Childs Family

Joe,Jennifer Childs & Kids - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ JOHN AND FAMILY, MARY AND FREDWE ALWAYS ENJOYED SEEING DEB AT THE AMVETS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY.

CAROL & DUANE VOEGELE - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Deb always seemed so happy whenever I saw her. I remember the fun times on the farm when we were kids. I wish we would have kept in closer contact over the years. I will miss her.*

Nancy Swenningson Walter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Curt and Angee: Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I do not even have the right words to express how very sad I am for your family. I'm sorry does not seem to be enough. Please know that Dennis and I love you guys and are here if you need anything at all.*

Dennis and Brandie Kenny - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Deb was a genuine, caring person interested in you and how you were, I will miss her. She was a good sport when we played Miniature gulf ! For some coincidence we happened to accidentally come upon her and John when we were waiting to play, she was so friendly and warm hearted person!! I will think of her often. And my horrible game, . My late husband Ken was John's cousin.*

Linda K . Masseth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ *You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. What a tragic loss.*

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

RF

“ We will truly miss Debbie. Any time we think of her we think of her laugh, quick wit, and smile. One of our favorite memories is of Debbie dancing with Curt at our wedding. They were amazing. We know that she is with Uncle Gerry now and together they will watch over us.

Randy & Shelly Simon & Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ To Betty and all of the Simon family, I have very fond memories of when we were all kids and growing up on the farm and going to school together. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. You will be in my prayers. Jody Osborn

Jody Nickel Osborn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ John & family, so very sorry for your loss, we'll miss Debbie so much. A beautiful lady with a heart of gold & a glowing smile. You, Curt & family are in my thoughts & prayers, God Bless all of you.

Jackie Gilkison - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ John & family Sorry to hear about the accident. Debbie will truly be missed.

Curt & Bev Goehring - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM