



Ed A. Kringstad

March 28, 1937 - May 4, 2013

Ed A. Kringstad, 76, Dawson/Bismarck, ND, died May 4, 2013, at St. Alexius Medical Center. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 214 E. Thayer Avenue, Bismarck. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00 – 9:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a time of sharing will begin at 7:00 PM. Ed was born March 28, 1937, in Fairdale, ND, the son of Ernest and Alice Aamot Kringstad. He was raised and educated in Hoople where he graduated from high school. Ed married Faye Moore on December 27, 1959, in Doran, MN. Ed received his B.S. degree from Valley City State College in 1960, and received his M.S. degree in education from University of North Dakota in 1963. A multi-sport athlete, Ed earned 13 letters at Valley City State. Ed began his coaching and teaching career in 1965 at Bismarck Junior College. Coach Kringstad was named NJCAA Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1974 and 1986, as well as United States Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1984. Ed was selected to the NJCAA Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1979, named NJCAA Wrestling Man of the Year in 1984, and inducted into the Valley City State University Hall of Fame in 1993. Ed coached 10 national champions and 59 All-Americans in his 23 years as wrestling coach. Ed's 301-69-1 coaching record currently ranks him 6th among NJCAA wrestling coaches. His commitment to students and his love for wrestling took him around the globe and Ed was selected to assist on the rules committee with the US Olympic Wrestling Team during the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. In

1977 Ed was the Coach Leader of the Junior Pan American Wrestling Team, Quito, Ecuador, and in 1978 he was the Chief of Mission at the Junior Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela. With Ed as athletic director, Bismarck State College hosted the NJCAA National Wrestling Tournament from 1990 – 1998. With Ed's interest in politics and people it was natural for him to run for office and he was elected as a Republican to the North Dakota Senate in 1995 and served until 2006. Ed and Faye were both well-known in Bismarck for their many years teaching dance. Ed would often say, "If you can walk, you can dance;" and, he would strongly suggest his wrestlers take dance. To his family, Ed was everything and they were everything to him. He will always be loved and missed. His memories live on at his house he built for his family at Lake Isabel. Ed is survived by his loving wife of over 53 years, Faye; his son, Tom Liz, Andover, MN; his daughter, Sommer Collins, Memphis, TN; his daughter-in-law, Sherri Giambra, Orange, CT; his grandchildren, Samantha Kringstad, Sydney Collins, Michael Giambra and Jennifer Giambra; his brothers and sisters, Jim, Sabring, FL, Carol Iverson, Grand Forks, ND, Linda Jacobson, Jamestown, ND, and Judy Dooling, Moyie Springs, ID, Terry, Bismarck, and Betty Cooper, Prosperity, PA. Ed was preceded in death by his son, Tim; his parents; and his nephew, Billy Dooling. Memorials may be given to Elks Camp Grassick or the Bismarck State College Foundation.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ Ed has impacted the lives of so many! I am so blessed for the time I was able to share with him.He led by example.Today I am better person because of his mentoring! He had a great sense of humor,he was a plain talker,and he was patient ! Thank you for sharing your husband and father with all of us. Trevor Clark

Trevor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Faye, Tom and Sommer,We were deeply saddened by the news of Ed's passing. Our family has many fond memories being with all of you. Ed was a great coach.....and we'll never forget his laugh and the twinkle in his eyes. Our deepest sympathy and prayers,The Trusty family

Milo and Vicki Trusty - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ It was truly a privilege knowing Ed, from being neighbors on 7th Street to being able to see the whole family a few years back at the Lake Isabel house. Ed taught me how to be a better person and to make the world a better place. And Faye, I still remember Ed's "dingy moore" joke!

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

GM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I had him as a cross-country coach at BJC in 1968-1970 and put lots of miles on those Plymouth station wagons with Ed giving us tips on life. He was a tough but fair coach and the best coach I ever had. He was a good man and will be greatly missed. With deepest sympathy, Greg Marquardt

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

DC

“ Dear Faye & Family: I just heard about the passing of Ed and was deeply saddened by that news. I have nothing but fond memories of Coach and his challenges to always go to that next level and give it your ultimate effort. He was a great person and role model. I cherished the visit I had with you and Coach last August when I visited North Dakota. Sincere condolences. Denny Collins

Denny Collins - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Fay, Tom and Summer just wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I really enjoyed Ed as he was fun to be around. I have such good memories wrestling for Ed at BJC and I am so blessed that it was a big part of my life. Ed cared about me personally and I am truly grateful for the impact he played upon my life. I trust God pours out His goodness and kindness during this season in your lives...

Tom Schumacher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Faye, I am so sorry. He was too young and healthy to be leaving you so soon. My prayers are with you. Your GodChild, Dan O

dan overby - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ A visit with Ed always made me feel better. If you felt good before you saw him, you felt even better afterwards. No matter the challenges at hand, Ed's smile and powerful presence, even when confined to a wheel chair, always resonated with optimism and a sense that things will be accomplished today. His engaging personality, sense of humor and fun, ability to tell a story and work ethic made him unforgettable. I have know him since 1966. Every time I think of him now, it makes me smile; at the same time I know I will miss that uplifting presence.

marc conrad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I have many fond memories of the years I worked with Ed as a member of the NDCAC Athletic Director Committee. While AD for Mayville State I had numerous opportunities to interact with Ed both on a professional and personal level, he was a man of great integrity and had a personality that made him a joy to be around. We were shocked and saddened to learn of his passing, our deepest sympathy goes out to the Ed Kringstad family.

Martin & Diane Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Ed and Faye were great neighbors of mine out at Lake Isabel. It was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed living out there. They were so kind and generous to Elks Camp Grassick, where I am the Camp's Director, and for that the Camp and Elks are sincerely grateful. Ed had a heart as big as his stature and was so generous with his time, talents, and treasures. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. My sincerest sympathy to the Kingstad Family. Dan Mimnaugh, Director, Elks Camp Grassick

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

GL

“ Great teacher both at the junior high level and later taught me to foxtrot. RIP

George LaFave - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Faye and family-----We were so saddened to learn of Edroys as he was known to us as members of the class of '55 of Hoople High School passing---immediately the first thing that came to mind was our "mini class reunion" that we had in Fargo last fall----what w great time we had ----we have lost a great friend and we offer you all our most sincere sympathy---May God abless and keep you all now and in the days ahead---RIP Edroy.

Leah and Dean Skjerven - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Faye and family - please know my heart goes out to you. Thank you for your time Ed gave to me. May the Lord give you courage and hope to meet the days ahead in His grace. We judge ourselves on our intent. Others judge us on our impact. H W Longfellow Ed Kringstad is and will always be my hero! He is the BEST coach I ever had in addition to being an all around good egg. Since he never wrestled, he didn't teach me much about wrestling. I believe what made him such a successful coach and human being was his knowledge about and love for people. He coached us into being better athletes and people by how he valued us. I first met Ed when I was 11 years old. BJC was hosting a wrestling tournament and no one was entered in the 98 lb. weight class. Encouraged by my older brother, I entered the tournament weighing 72 lbs. fully dressed hoping to get a real medal. Shortly before the tournament started a High School coach and a college student weighed in at 98 lbs. I was quickly pinned twice and left the Armory devastated. A few days later I received a personal letter from Ed. He "found" an extra medal and wanted me to have it because he was proud of me for the courage I demonstrated. More than once during my Junior High and High School career, Ed would seek me out and in the course of the conversation tell me he liked how I wrestled. As my coach he would often coach by encouraging my opponent to do exactly what I wanted them to do. He'd set me up to win and then he'd walk off the mat into his patented smiling laugh and word of congratulations as if he was nothing but a fan. While other "coaches" put athletes in their place, Ed coached by putting himself in our place. There is so much more I remember about Ed but I think I'm only telling you my version of how he valued you. Well done, good and faithful servant. Well Done!

David Reimnitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Ed was a great guy, coach and example for how to live life. He made my time in the wrestling room more fun than I thought possible, I still remember his great smile and sense of humor. My condolences to his family whom I know will miss him.

Ed Steidler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Tom Six Ed always had a smile and made me feel welcome at BSC. I like the visits during his day at the capital, and at the Coffee Cup. Ed you will be missed by a lot of people. Thanks for the time. Faye, my sincerest condolences.

tomsix - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Ed was a special person and someone athletes and students at BJC could always count on for advice and direction. He always had a smile on his face and could cheer up everyone he met. I also dealt with Ed later when he was a legislator and he brought his same intensity on important issues education and the same humor to the Senate that he did to BSC. He was a born leader and taught everyone he knew how to live life. Fun story--when Ed's brother Terry aka Hoople got married in Linton, Ed led the charge to attach a 16 pound shot put welded to a chain around Terry's ankle with a padlock. Ed refused to provide Terry the key so Terry and his bride had to have it cut off in Bismarck later that night. :

Gordy Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Faye, Tom, Sommer and families, my deepest condolences. I think of Ed and I can't help but smile. I can tell all sorts of stories about Ed, but they would fill up a whole newspaper. I first got to know Ed while attending what was then called BJC, then found out he and Faye were good friends of my cousin, Hazel Sander. Then, while I was a sportswriter for the Bismarck Tribune, Ed always treated me like an old friend ... which we had become. I even remember how Ed and Faye were the stars of the show at the wedding dance when my wife and I got married. They said they would be glad to give us dance lessons, so Carla and I took advantage of that. I'm not so sure that was a good idea, though, because Carla and I were the closest people to ever flunk that dance class. But we had fun, and enjoyed our time with Ed and Faye. We will miss Ed. Heaven must have needed a combination wrestling coach/dance teacher.

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

RK

“ Deepest sympathy to Faye & family. So sorry to hear of his passing. That man surely could dance: We had so much fun with Ed & Faye in our class. He had a wonderful laugh! God Bless.

Roman & Peggy Kauffmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So saddened to hear of Ed's passing. I met Ed through the Legislature. HE was a wonderful man, father and Senator. I will certainly miss his laugh and what a wonderful dancer he was and how he danced with our daughter at the Governors Ball and made her day. Our deepest condolences to Faye and the family!

Joel & Sharon"Rogstad"Renfrow - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I had the privilege and pleasure to know Mr. Kringstad while going to then BJC during the school years of 1969-1970. He always had a smile and a kind word for students and really cared about them. I have not seen Mr. Kringstad for many years, but he will always remain in my heart with fond memories. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Pat Pfeifer Perry - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I just want to send my thoughts and prayers to Ed's Family. He was a great guy and helped me out while I attended and Played Volleyball at BSC in 1989-1991. He taught me how to handle and compromise. Life, Schooling and an Athlete. He was a great Man!! I am glad I had the experience meeting him.

Toni Oberlander Henry - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Ed lived a rich life bringing the gift of servant leadership to many persons. Thousands of people's lives have been enriched because of Ed's leadership. Faye, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God's speed Ed.

Larry Isaak - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Mike and Sandy Walker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ All of us at Valley City State Univeristy extend our sympathy to Faye and the Kringstad family. Ed was a special person. As a VCSU alumn, we have always been proud of Ed and his many accomplishments. He touched the lives of many and he will be missed.

Larry Robinson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Faye, Tom, and Sommer,~ I am so sad I can not be there for you during this most difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. You are my family and I love you all dearly. I will miss Ed so very much. His smile and laugh were infectious to everyone around him. We had so many great times at your house growing up. I think one of my favorite times was when Ed pulled his toupee off his head and scared the daylights out of Mark. He always loved to have fun. May God Bless you and take care of all of you during this time! All my Love, Tammy

Tammy Sander Fleck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Faye, Tom and Sommer - you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincere condolences.

Deb Ketterling Pilon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Ed was a great coach and friend.

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

PE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you guys - Ed was a great guy - he will be missed. May his memories live on. Pam & Craig Evert

Pam Kringstad Evert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Kringstad Family - "Nothing fills the void of his absence. He's not replaceable. We can't go out and get another just like him". With sincere condolences,Robin Walther-Swan

Robin Walther-Swan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Faye and Family:Karen & I got to know Ed at Lake Isabel after we started spending the Summers out there. Always a joy to visit with and have a cup of coffee with at Dawson Cafe. Also always enjoyed watching him in his great job of coaching at BJC. May God give you peace at this time of loss.

Howard & Karen Fitzgerald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ What a great guy, always willing to listen but give you a hard time as well. Carmilla Oberlander Schneider

Carmilla - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Ed Kringstad will be greatly missed.He was a great example to many young men in the wrestling community.Ed pushed me past my limits to achieve, what I thought I was unable to do.I use his example in everyday life & work.I will always remember him.

EARL STEIDLER - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Ed has touched the lives of so many. I will always cherish our conversations and the passion he had for helping others through sport. Thank you all for sharing him with the wrestling family!

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

SP

“ Deeply saddened by your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Susan

Susan Prather - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Ed's passing. I had the great opportunity to assist him in teaching dance my freshmen year at BSC in 1992-93. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by many.

Donna Murschel Helgeson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I don't even know how to say how much Ed meant to me personally. I loved him dearly and thought of him as my family. His passing leaves a big hole in a lot of lives. Faye, Tom, and Sommer ... my sincerest condolences.

Dee Bertsch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Ed will be greatly missed by so very many who loved and respected him. He was and is a true example of working hard for the American Dream.

John Kringstad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM