



Emanuel "Manny" Oberlander

December 25, 1937 - May 29, 2007

Emanuel "Manny" Oberlander, 69, Bismarck, died May 29, 2007, in Hettinger. Services will be held at 10:00 am Friday at Parkway Funeral Service, Bismarck, with Rev. Verle Reinicke officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, Jamestown. Visitation will be held from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, Bismarck. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Manny was born on December 25, 1937, in Jamestown, ND, the son of Adam and Emma Strehle Oberlander. He graduated from Jamestown High School and Jamestown College. Manny was stricken with polio at the age of 3 1/2 and lived his life bringing joy to others and never focusing on his handicap - today he has been made whole in heaven. He worked for ND Job Services at Dickinson, Fargo, Valley City, and Bismarck and retired in 1981. Serving in that capacity, he was named Handicapped Employee of the Year. Manny was the never waivering Packer Fan and looked forward to the first games of the season and to only wait for the first game of the next season following the Super Bowl. Manny is survived by his brother, Dennis and Ellen of Billings, MT; nephews, Steven and Sarah and Douglas, all of Jamestown, ND, and Rocky and Kim and Jon, all of Billings, MT; Kim Oberlander, widow of nephew, Timothy; several great-nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends. Manny was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Eugene; and nephew, Timothy. Family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to Janine Haug, Larry Schwartz, Norman Graf, and Jean Weatherly for the support and care they gave Manny.

Memorials may be given to the Anne Carlsen School in Jamestown or to the Shriner's Children Hospital.

Tribute Wall

KZ

“ *Manny, you were always in excellent spirits and always good for a joke, and I'll bet you and my Dad are swapping stories in Heaven right now. We should all have the attitude and outlook on life that you always did, and you will be deeply missed by all who knew you. Our condolences to your family, and to Janine and Larry too. Rest in Peace, friend.*

Ken & Marlene Oberlander Zent - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I've known him since I was a little girl and I always loved when we would go to Bismarck and visit Aunt Phyllane, Uncle Bill, Pammy and of course Manny! He was always so funny and caring! Such a part of our family! Love you and miss you Manny!!!*

Sara Hill - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Manny and my Dad Bill had a friendly rivalry between the Packers and the Vikings and Manny had a way pushing the right buttons especially when they watched games together to set him off. Manny, in good humor, also referred to Bill as 'Mr. Jammies' or 'The Big Dummy'. Manny loved his Cadillacs and because of that he instilled that same sense in our children. He was always there to support them and offer a kind word. He will missed by our family and I'm sure by everyone who knew him.*

Mark and Jane Dohn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RO

“Manny had been an inspiration to me for as long as I can remember. He was always in great spirits, despite living with constant pain and physical limitations resulting from the polio. He always greeted you with an ear-to-ear warm smile and an upbeat, hearty disposition. Not once had I heard him complain or say a negative word about another person. I will miss him.

Rod and Laurie Oberlander - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“I can imagine the welcome you got in Heaven, AD! I'm sure Uncle Bill was right there to greet you with something like, "well what were you waiting for, the Packers to win the Superbowl?" My very special AD, you will be missed so much. I can't believe you're gone. I'm so thankful to have known you -- the world is a better place because you were in it, AD! I know my life was blessed because you "adopted" me as your daughter. I will miss your phone calls, sending you kisses on the phone, your laugh, your thoughtfulness, the way you always brightened my day. I know that your family meant a lot to you, and I pray that they will find comfort in the warm memories they have of you. I wish I had the right words to convey how much I love you, AD. Until we meet again, I will thank God for giving me such a wonderful friend. XOXO Your AD

Christine Hill - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“he was always so positive

Al Rudolph - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“Manny was a true friend and he will be missed by everyone.

Barbara Wolfer Foss - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I submitted this a minute ago, then hit an incorrect key and it went before I had the opportunity to write anything. Manny was a joy to all who knew him. He always had a smile and cheerful word for you when he saw you. And he never forgot anyone. You could go years without seeing him, but he always remembered you. I've lived out of N Dak since graduation, but on the occasions I was there at the same time Manny was, he always recognized me and was ready for a chat. The world needs more people like Manny.

Lois Wutzke Burger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Manny always enjoyed visiting and in years past would come to Yankton to visit. He would honk the horn and the kids would run out to get his bags. He enjoyed visiting with the kids and was interested in what was going on in their lives. The last time I talked to him was just before he went to Mott. We were planning to go to see him June 21 and bringing Twila, George, Donna, and Gloria with us. Jim and Darlene, and Arbie were going to go too. We are sad that that didn't happen. Someone E-mailed this to cousin Arbie and she sent it on to us.

Mel and Lola Waldner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

“That's easy for you to say!” is the salutation Manny always had for us when he would call to see what we were up to. I would pick up the phone, say, “Hello,” and then came his greeting in that great bass voice. He and it will be greatly missed. Manny was a true friend. A great example for our children over their entire lives, a source of great stories, and always up on the latest for the class of '57. Now no need to stop in Bismarck for breakfast on our way home from Jamestown to Idaho for a “pick-me-up” sadness and emptiness will be our menu as we pass through town now. We are all better for knowing and having a friend like Manny. Gary Parfit We have many good memories of Manny, going back to grade school at Roosevelt for me. He used to sit in the desk behind me and tease me by pulling my pigtails sly, so the teacher never saw it, and I never tattled; how could anyone tattle on Manny!. One other vivid memory will always be his narration for our high school concert choir when we sang, “The Creation.” Besides singing in the bass section, he had the perfect voice to narrate; no one else in the choir could have done it. And, of course, he had it all memorized, as we were never allowed to use our music in concerts. It was a very long narration and he always said it perfectly and with feeling. I think most of us will remember him for his humor and positive attitude; never said a bad word about anyone and was always concerned about everyone else. I talked to him twice while he was in the nursing center in Mott, and both times he asked how Barb Wolfer Foss was doing on her new drug for painful arthritis and how my smashed finger was healing from a minor accident last fall. He always enjoyed hearing updates on our whole family, too, as though we were all HIS family. I guess we all are, in a sense, because he took us in. I have a feeling he made everyone he knew feel the same way, never focusing attention on himself but, rather, making each of us feel as though we were his favorite friend. Our grown kids still call him Uncle Manny, and they loved him as though he was their biological uncle. They are crying with us and tell us they too will miss his calls. When I last spoke to Manny, Monday afternoon of this week, I heard a very subdued voice, not his usual perky self, when he talked about how he was feeling. I wonder if he

knew he might never be able to go back to independent living. If that were to come true, then thanks be to God for taking him Home now; I cantt imagine Manny spending years in a nursing facility. Though we miss him dearly, he's in the Perfect Place. Again, thanks be to God for giving us Manny and for giving Manny the promise of eternal life. Emanuel, born on Christmas, means "God with us," and so He is. Jan Janice Hopland Parfit

Gary & Jan Parfit - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Emanuel "Manny" Oberlander*

Lois Wutzke Burger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Manny was a mentor to me when I was hired by the "Job Shop" in Bismarck as a college student. We worked together in Bismarck for three summers. It was impossible to know Manny without becoming his friend. We lost touch with one another throughout the years, but his inspiration touched my life. I am sure that I am one of many who will remember him with great respect and fondness. I know that the memories you have will comfort you. Please accept my sincere condolences. Tracy Johnk*

Tracy Johnk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

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Nicolette Schneider - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I was very saddened to receive the news of Manny's passing. My memories of him go back a long ways. We were one year apart in confirmation, Sunday School and other activities at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jamestown, as well as our Junior and Senior High School years in Jamestown. Two other friends, one from my class 1956 and one from Manny's, spent many hours playing table tennis downstairs at St. John's. Over the years he would, on occasion, show up with LeRoy Friederich, for a visit in various communities my family lived in in ND. In more recent years we would drop in to see him in Bismarck on our way to my wife's parents in Turtle Lake, ND. His wonderful spirit always left us feeling better after spending some time with him. I will always remember him with joy. Blessed be his memory with us who knew him. Ben Harring.

Ben Harring - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ It was so sad to hear about Manny. I remember his friendly smile, great attitude and his kindness to everyone.

Pat Henka - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Manny and I started our friendship in 3rd grade at Roosevelt grade school. All through school we were seated alphabetically most of the time. With our names being Oberlander and Peterson, we were together often. Our friendship continued all these years. After my marriage both my husband and I continued to visit Manny. We had many good visits at his home in Bismarck. Manny will be missed very much at our 50th reunion of our senior class this year in Jamestown. It is so sad to think of never seeing him again on this earth. I'm sure many of us are looking forward to seeing him in heaven. He's sure to be one of the 'greeters'.

Barbara Peterson Cumber - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FW

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Fay Weatherly - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *A true and dear friend is gone, I feel a great loss.*

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

DW

“ *Manny was a good friend and Classmate. Sorry Manny will miss our 50 Year Reunion we shall miss you, I am sure you will be looking down on us. We have a good number that will be returning for our Reunion. May God comfort Manny's family.*

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

DN

“ *My memory of Manny is from choir and as my classmate he was always fun to be around. He will be missed at the class reunion.*

Diane NitschkeEveretts - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My dear friend, with whom I was with May 9. I cannot believe you have left us. What a dear and special friend you have been these many years. You will be in my thoughts for a long time and to your family, my sincerest sympathy at the loss of such a dear and special person and friend.*

Chet & Carol Hagel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

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LEROY&CAY FRIEDERICH - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ When Manny took a job at the Employment Service in Valley City forty-some years ago, he moved in next door to my husband's family. Manny and Mike have maintained their friendship over the years and the distances; being avid Packer fans certainly helped. He often had a book to lend Mike, usually a biography or something Packer related. In phone conversations with Manny, he always asked after each of our children by name, even in their adulthood. I will miss my afternoon chats in Manny's living room whenever I was in Bismarck. He enjoyed telling me about the art work, but even more than that, he loved telling me about all his Packer memorabilia and where he got it and who gave him which pieces. We will miss him.

Mike and Angela Korsmo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ He was always fun to be around. Quick with a joke. Will be missed. My condolences to Uncle Dennis and nephews: Steve, Doug, Rocky, & Jon.

Bill Schulz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM