



## Fred Westerlind

February 4, 1951 - March 10, 2010

Fred Westerlind, 59, Bismarck, died March 10, 2010, at his home. Services will be held at 2:00 pm Monday at First Presbyterian Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Jake Kincaid officiating. Spring burial will be held in Mercer Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm Sunday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck. Fred was born on February 4, 1951, in Bismarck, ND, the son of Arnold and MaryAnn Westerlind. He was raised in Mercer, ND, and graduated from Mercer High School in 1969 and North Dakota State School of Science in 1971 with a degree in Tool and Die. Fred worked at the die department at Bobcat for 36 years, retiring in 2009. He enjoyed pool, boating, fishing, hunting, riding motorcycle and his lake cabin at Brush Lake. Fred married Sandy Gilchrist on April 22, 1978. They were blessed with two daughters, Shanna and Nicole. Fred is survived by his wife, Sandy; his daughters, Shanna Josh Jury and Nicole Westerlind; his mother, Mary Ann; his sister, Deb Terry Sparrow; his brothers, Gordon Judy, Roy "Skip" Gayle and Steve Teresa; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold.

# Tribute Wall

AT

“ *The Westerlind family, especially Fred, will always be remembered as kind, loving and honest people. Our Saviors Lutheran Church and Bible School days in summer every year when we were little are a dear part of the memories together in Mercer and that community for me and my sisters. Recess time was always a time for friendship, too! Our sympathies in this time of loss and remembrance for you! Allan and Brian Tinker*

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**Allan Tinker** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *To Sandy and girls: Oh how my heart hurts for all of you. I remember the joy your dad had while talking about his girls and his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.*

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**Toni Sokoloski** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Fern and I met Fred and Sandy when they moved to South Bismarck. I think he was here a couple of days ahead of me. I enjoyed talking to Fred about motorcycling and about anything else. Our sincere condolence goes out to Sandy and his family. I will truly miss Fred.*

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**Rich Fleck** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My memories of Fred are all the fun times we had with the whole gang at Brush Lake and at the pavilion dances when we were young -Fred-Joel-Nick-Larry-Merlin and the list goes on. Those were the good old days. Fred was always kind, smiling and always joking around. I'm sure he loved his family and friends very much. For every tear, a memory and each memory, a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with Fred's family at this difficult time - God be with you all. Friends forever.

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**Gayle Hofer Redmond** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Fred, You were way too young. I remember your dry and hysterical sense of humor - Cheech and Chong couldn't have written better material. And the last time I saw you in Bismarck, I remember how kind you were to check my car to make sure that I would be able to return to Minneapolis without any difficulties. You were a kind, gentle man who never quite realized your worth. Sandy, Shanna and Nicki - my heart goes out to you. I am so sorry that Fred will not know his grandchildren or see your future triumphs. No one should die this young. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Brenda

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**Brenda Hoffman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are so sorry Freds life ended too soon . We had alot of great times golfing and camping with fred and his family.we had great times just being his friends . We will miss him alot ! Our prayers and thoughts will be with you Sandy and your daughters .

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**Randy and Linda Meier** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Sandy, Shanna & Nicki...Our hearts are sad for you with the loss of Fred. If there is anything we can do, let us know. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!

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**Tim & Sue Kruckenberg** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sandy & Fred's Family, Fred was very "Special". The smile on his face. The twinkle in his eyes said so much. His way of teasing you to make you smile. God blessed us all for knowing Fred.Janie Stute & Family

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**Janie Stute** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Thoughts and prayers to you during this very sad time.

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**Larry & Chris Fitterer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Sandy and girls,We are so sorry about Fred and what your family is going through. You are in our hearts and thoughts. Wish we were closer so we could pass on long hugs to all of you.Our sympathy is with you and yours,Michael and Cindy

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**Cindy and Michael Allstead** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ RIP Buddy you were a good friend

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**Scottemo** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Sandy, Our thoughts are with you and your daughters as you go through this difficult time. Our sympathy and love.

Jerry and Charlene Lelm - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I always enjoyed running to Fred and Sandy from time to time. Fred could always put a big old smile on my face. I will miss that. Sandy take care. Rest in Peace

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

KW

“ Sandy and family, I am so sorry to hear about Fred's passing. Although I have been away for so many years, the memories of us camping and hanging out at Brush Lake are like yesterday. Fred was such a gentle soul that you couldn't help but like him. Take care and know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Karen

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

SW

“ Sandy and family, Thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow.

Sonya & Ardean Wanner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Sandy, Nikki and Shanna - Please accept our sincerest sympathies in the passing of Fred husband and Dad. While these times are never easy, be assured that your family and friends are here for you and wish you all the best. While we didn't know Fred personally, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in having to deal with your loss. God is watching over you and will be there for you when you call out to him. God Bless you all. The Rosenkranz Family

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**Dennis and Becky Rosenkranz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Missing Fred's "One in a Million Smile" Thoughts & prayers going out to Fred's family!

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**Lonnie & Deb Krein** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Fred Westerlind

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CS

“ You will be missed by many, and you were my friend. RIP

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**Curtis Sprenger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Fred Westerlind

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**William & Sharon White** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Fred Westerlind

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KM

“ *Shanna and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad, my heart and prayers go out to you at this time of need and always.*

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**Kelley Richter Melander** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Sandy and girls..Our prayers and thoughts are with you..if there is anything we can do please let us know..Wow,I think of all us from East Omaha and the fun times we had--and you girls-I remember babysitting you a couple times in the evenings when my girls where busy and how we played dolls and you would let me brush your hair while we watched cartoons..Take care and God Bless you all Patti*

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**Ken & Patti Sokoloski** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *Dear Mary Ann and Deb, we are very sorry for the lose of Fred. We did not know Fred, but we believe he will be missed very much by everyone, family and friends. Our most sincere sympathy to all, and our prayers and thought are with you all.*

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**Venon & Betty Kurle** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ One of the many memories I have of Fred is when we were young teenagers. On a windy Sunday, there were four of us floating on a huge tractor innertube on Brush Lake. Fred and Skip were strong swimmers, I was a weak swimmer at best and the fourth guy, Milton, was a non-swimmer. As luck would have it, the wind pushed us quite a ways from shore rather quickly, then a boat pulling skiers shot by and overturned our tube. The tube took off in the wind leaving all four of us in the water, with no lifejackets. Skip took off trying to catch the tube while I turned for shore, because I knew that it would take all I had to make it. Mean while, Fred swam over and grabbed Milton and was trying his best to keep his head above water while getting him to shore. I don't know how he did it, because Milton was bigger than Fred, but he finally got him to shore. Truth be told, Fred saved Milton from drowning that Sunday and he would just laugh when we would kid with him about being a "hero". Either through fate or choice, few of us get to be a hero in our lifetime, but if we are lucky enough we get to spend some time among them.

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**Larry Gessele** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Our prayers are with you, Sandy and girls. He will be missed by us.

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**Terry Berg** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Fred will be missed by many. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Chad Meier** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM