



Gary D. McDowall

September 11, 1942 - September 29, 2012

Gary McDowall, 70, Mandan, passed away September 29, 2012, at his home. Services will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, October 4, at First Lutheran Church, Mandan, with Rev. Jack Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Mandan Union Cemetery. Cremation has taken place and family will be receiving guests from 5:00 -7:00 pm Wednesday, October 3, at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck. Gary was born September 11, 1942, in Elgin, ND, the son of Donald and Pearl Christensen McDowall. He was raised on the family farm near Lark until the age of 7 at which time the family moved to Almont and later to Mandan in 1958. Over the years, Gary fought forest fires in the Pacific Northwest, graduated from a mechanical trade school, and managed a local auto body repair shop. He then began working for the State of North Dakota Highway Dept. and Water Commission and later retired after 31 years of service. Gary was an avid reader and enjoyed watching old westerns and San Francisco 49er's football. He really enjoyed his annual hunting trip with "the guys." Many stories came out of these trips and many fond memories were made. Gary loved a game of chance including horse racing, casinos, pull-tabs, and bingo. Every Monday he joined his daughter Sandra to play bingo. After another disappointing afternoon he'd say, "I'm not coming back!" yet he always returned the following week. The light of Gary's life was his grandson, Logan. He looked forward to attending all of his sporting events and rarely missed a game. He was and always will be Logan's #1 fan. Blessed to have shared his life are his daughters, Sandra and Marcy; his grandson, Logan; his

mother, Pearl; his sisters, Sandra Rich Brockbank and Lila Dan Steffes; his brother, Rex Joyce; and numerous nieces and nephews. Gary was preceded in death by his son, Mark; his father, Donald; his grandparents, Peter and Constance Christensen and James and Emma McDowall; as well as numerous cats.

Tribute Wall

AW

“ Our sincerest condolences to Gary's family. Gary sounds like a great guy and I know he will be dearly missed by his family. I am the daughter of Howard Christensen. His motherMartinaand Pete were brother and sister. May the family find peace and comfort in all the wonderful memories. Arlis Christensen& Gerald Waltos

Arlis & Gerald Waltos - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My sympathy to you the family of Gary McDowall on Gary's death. I truly enjoyed reading Gary's obituary. He had happy days and I believe winning days! To all in Gary's life and Rex and Joyce, whom I know personally, take heart and know that your brother rests in eternal peace. My love and prayers. Sister Ivo Schoch

Sister Ivo Schoch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Marcy, Thoughts & prayers to you & your family! Andy, Kayla, Easton & Kolter

Kayla Freidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Marcy, so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers

Wendy Kaseman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Marcy and Logan: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss seeing your dad/grandpa at games. He was a super fan. Jerry, Tonya, Jared, Tyler and Kassidi Jans*

Tonya Jans - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Marcy & Logan, You are in my thoughts and prayers. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

Jeanne Folmer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Marcy, my deepest sympathy for your family loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts.*

Annette Grady - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Marcy & Logan our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. What a great person he was and a terrific grandpa to venture out to all Logans sporting events no matter where they were he was always there he wins the award for the #1 Grandpa fan. Logan will now have the #1 Angel fan with him always. God Bless*

Troy, Twila, Trever, Ty, Taylor Leingang - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *The rink will not be the same without him there. But I am sure he will be watching from above. Prayers for your family.*

The Cupidos - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sandy, Marcie & Logan - Gary will be missed, he was one of a kind, from hunting to playing cards we always had a good time. Gary felt like a brother to Larry. Rest in Peace Gary, you will be missed

Larry & Connie Schafer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Gary was a great man and dad. I know he was very quiet and just smiled when ever Marcy and I said anything or were up to something.

Lanna Vallerga - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Marcy & Logan, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Will miss seeing Grandpa at Logan's games! I am Tonya Jans, mom, Tyler's grandma Keep the memories alive - know you will think of him often!

Delores Christian - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Dearest Marcy, Logan and Sandy: I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

JuLee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Marcy/Logan and family- so sorry to hear, thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

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

MK

“ I send you caring thoughts of peace and courage. With heartfelt condolences. marlene keeling

MARLENE KEELING - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Gary you will be missed, Many Great memories in the Badlands hunting and you will always be known as "Clint Eastwood" to my brothers and I. Gary was always known as the old guy in camp but he always had a plan and the rest of us were always trying to keep up with him on the walks, if you heard Gary shoot it was usually only 1 shot. Gary was one of a kind and we are all blessed to have known him, Rest in Peace Gary

Brian & Pam Schafer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Many many great & funny memories from around the fire at deer camp & bouncing around the badlands in Gary's suburban. You will be missed rest in peace Gary.

Brad Schafer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM