



Gerald Axtman

March 19, 1947 - January 12, 2012

Gerald "Jerry" Axtman, 64, of Bismarck, ND, died January 12, 2012, at the Veterans Hospital, Fargo, ND, surrounded by his family. Services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at Church of St. Mary in Bismarck with the Rev. Gene Lindemann officiating. Burial will be at the ND Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, ND. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, at Eastgate Funeral Service where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Jerry was born March 19, 1947, in Rugby, ND, to Rudy and Elizabeth Axtman. He graduated from Rugby High School in 1965 and attended NDSU until October, 1966 when he enlisted with the United States Army and served three tours of duty in Vietnam, becoming Sergeant while also earning a Purple Heart and Bronze Star during his time of service. Upon discharge, Jerry attended North Dakota State School of Science where he met his future wife Shirlene Kessel; they were married April 28, 1973.

Together Jerry and Shirlene had a son, Jacob, and a daughter, Jaylene. They made their home in Bismarck, ND. Jerry worked many jobs throughout his life including positions in real estate, insurance sales, oil and gas landman, and business entrepreneurship where he attained a US Patent for an electrostatic oil purification system. No matter his occupation, Jerry loved interacting with people. His positive attitude, and charismatic personality earned him many friendships over the years, all of which he very much treasured. Jerry enjoyed playing cards, golfing, hunting, fishing, and boating with friends and family. He will be remembered as a tireless family man with a heart of gold and a

contagious smile. He is survived by his son, Jacob; his daughter, Jaylene, both of Bismarck; his brothers and sisters, Janice Gerald Nohr, Bothell, WA, Darold, Bismarck, Bernetta Alfred Haman, Bismarck, Larry Pat Becker, Bismarck, Laverne Roger Duchscher, Rugby, Wayne Myra, Hazen, Vernon Susan Bednarz, Bismarck, Karen Mark Hagel, Bismarck, Denise Rich Iliff, Garrison, Curtis Cheryl, Beulah, and Keith Pam, Minot; and many nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Rudy and Elizabeth Axtman.

Tribute Wall

GV

“ Dear Shirlene, Jaylene, and Jake, I am sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a great friend of mine and I enjoyed all of the memories I have with all of you. I wish Jerry a forever peace in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Take care.
Gary VerDouw Saint Peters, MO

Gary VerDouw - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ So sorry to hear about Jerry, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He had a great personality and always enjoyed visiting about his kids. May the memories help you through the difficult days.

Karen & Mel Fischer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear about Jerry. We had a lot of good times together. He was a good friend and neighbor.

Jack Werre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Jerry and I lived together for about 6 months in Fargo while we were both attending NDSU. He looked me up in the late 70's or early 80's when he came to Cando. He was a great guy and I'll always remember his laughter and personality. My condolences to his family and friends. Larry Fox Cando, ND 58324

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

JB

“ My prayers and condolences for your loss. My fond memories will not be forgotten, especially when Jerry got coach like in my face, after Shirlenes amazingly perfect cut orange slices, on the sideline of a soccer game and was told to hurry up and put the ball in the back of the net. Well Jerry, that did happen, with the help of your amazing children Jake and Jaylene during a Prairie Rose State Games tournament. Love you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Justin Baggenstoss - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Denise you have my condolences, take care.

Marcy Lickteig - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ We shared a long friendship with Jerry and his family. We will miss the Jerry we knew. Full of fun and laughs. We have many fond memories of him. Jerry was always there to help if needed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love you all.

Pam and Curt Walker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Offering our deepest sympathy to the Axtman family. May your memories of happy times help you thru this difficul time.

Spencer & Lorri Giddings - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Deepest sympathies to Axtman family. You are in our prayers!!!

Rud Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My sincerest condolences to Jerry's family. Jerry was a classmate and a good friend during our school days in Rugby. We lost track of each other over the years, but I will always remember the good times we had in Rugby. Good by old friend and thanks for the great memories.

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

LR

“ Jerry was from the awesome Rugby High School Class of 1965. I remember him as just being a fun loving, always smiling, kind of a "remember the word cutup", but never in a mean way, just funny. Another classmate gone---it brings us to our knees. I truly believe Jerry is in heaven, playing cards, smiling, becoming one of the greatest angels ever. To the family, may your memories comfort you in the days to come. Jerry is now in our Savior's loving arms. Linda Lingohr Rehberg

Linda Lingohr Rehberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Jerry for many years as we rode the same school bus to school and in high school we hung out some together at the pool hall, pizza place and such. He used to love to cruise main street after a game. He will be missed. I lost touch with Jerry as I enlisted right after high school but he will always be remembered. God bless you and your entire family. Jim

Jim Heilman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family through this difficult time. I remember having sleepovers at Jaylenes house when we were little and her parents always ordered pizza or something good for us to eat!!! Her dad was always such a nice person.... He will be greatly missed

Julie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My condolences to Jerry's family. Not only did Jerry and i attend high school together, we lived together during our time at NDSU and he stood up as my best man when i married. I will never forget him! All i can say, is that i smile whenever i think of just one of the 1000 Jerry stories. One could never accuse Jerry of waiting for something to happen, he always made it happen!! I will miss him. WE had not spoken in several years. He called one day to tell me he would be in Mpls and that he wanted to meet. I was still waiting on his call when Fred Hagen notified me of his passing. I am sorry for your loss.

jim jordan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the entire Axtman family.

Jeff and Cindy Fleck Thomas - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM