



## Larry Merkel

August 31, 1951 - February 20, 2010

Larry Merkel, 58, Bismarck, died February 20, 2010, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck. Services will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday at Cornerstone Community Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Keith Ritchie officiating. Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm Tuesday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Larry Albert Merkel was born in Hoven, SD, on August 31, 1951, the son of Albert and Gloria Bogema Merkel of Bowdle, SD. He was raised on a farm and graduated from Bowdle High School in 1969. Larry received his auto mechanic degree in North Dakota. Larry worked for Scherle Sales in Aberdeen for several years before moving to Bismarck, ND, where he became a long-time employee for Bobcat Ingersol Rand company of Bismarck. He was skilled in the area of design, construction, and testing of equipment, and was well-known for his strong work ethic as well as dedication to doing the job right. He recently started a vending business in the Bismarck area. Larry married Flo Schaeffer from Herried, SD, in 1974, and they shared their lives together for 36 years. In addition to Flo, Larry loved his nephews, nieces, and neighborhood children, and he always shared stories of their successes in school or activities with his many friends. He would take the time to lend a hand to a neighbor that needed help. Larry was a great visitor and loved to visit with those around him. He will be deeply missed by his family and his many friends. Larry attended Cornerstone Community Church volunteering as a greeter and usher among other things. He was confirmed in

St. John's Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD. He is survived by his wife, Flo, Bismarck; sisters, Gloria Dale Haar, Aberdeen, SD, and LaRita Donneley Kay, Warner, SD; and four brothers-in-law, Reuben and Kathy, Eddie and Shirley, Raymond, and Norman Schaeffer, all of the Eureka, SD, area. He is also survived by many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law and mother-in-law.

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ Sorry for your loss Flo. My wife and I enjoyed working with Laryy through the years. He was a very good man!

Ralph and Renee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Larry was a school companion and we had some really great times together. I know he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My deepest symmpathy to all his family.

Roger Wolff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Flo...Our hearts go out to you and our prayers are with you. Jeff n' Trella

Jeff and Trella Nygaard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Larry's death, He was such a kind and caring person. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.Mary Zimmer

Mary Zimmer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Larry will be greatly missed. He was a very hardworking and dedicated employee. I was honored to have had the oppurtunity to work with him and too know him. He will always be remembered as a kind caring and loving man. Our thoughts are with you Flo has you recover from the loss of a dear loved one.Brooke and Steven Sundvor

Steven and Brooke Sundvor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Flo, I am so sorry to hear the news today. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I can not express how special you guys are me and my family. Not sure I would have made it though college without you. Thinking and praying for you. Love you!

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**Merretta Kahl** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Flo, Robyn and I extend our deepest sympathies. I will miss his friendly smile when I come to visit the office. Always enjoyed the chances to visit with him. Take care Dennis

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**Dennis & Robyn DeVault** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Flo, We are so sorry to read of Larry's death. Our hearts and prayers are with you. Let God be your strength thro this time. He is the only one that can bring you comfort. We will be praying for you. Al and Jeanie Sandquist

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**Jeanie Sandquist** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I enjoyed Larry very much during school and have many fond memories of the things that we did together. I also had a chance to visit with Larry during of 40 year class reunion. He will be missed very much. Paul

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**Paul Mertz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Al and Eileen Ford** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Sweet Flo: What can Mike and I possibly say that will comfort you in the loss of Larry - I am crying as I write and am so very sorry - I know how much you loved and cherished each other - for some reason, Jesus decided He needed Larry home in heaven - Please know you are in our most deepest and sincerest prayers and thoughts and if we can do anything, anything Flo, please, let us know. We love you so much - With wonderful and Blessed memories of our special friendship through all these years....Norma and Mike Misterek

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March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Flo so sorry to hear of your loss. It's so hard to have and say the right words right now, as your sorrow for your loss is so high, but I just thought I'd let you know I am thinking of you and that you are in my thoughts and prayer. Larry will be greatly missed by all who knew him and his kind heart. Call if you need to talk or a shoulder to lean on as I will be here for you. Vera

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**Vera Weiler** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Flo, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Larry was always such a pleasant person with a smile on his face. You will certainly be in our prayers. Ginny and Ivan

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**Ginny and Ivan Flemmer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Flo I am so sorry about your loss. Be strong and know there are lots of people thinking about you and praying for you.

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**Alesha Ketterling** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My condolences to Flo, Larry's sifers and extended family. Larry and I were high school classmates, graduating from Bowdle High School in 1969. Of the 25 who graduated from BHS that year, he was one of those who maintained his Bowdle connections, and we could always look forward to seeing him and Flo at our infrequent high school reunions. We are grateful that Larry and Flo could attend our last reunion this past June 2009, our 40th. We are all saddened by his unexpected passing -- at way too young an age. We will need to leave an empty chair in his memory at our future high school reunions. He will be missed. Sue Weinberg Susan Carlson Weinberg weinberg@umn.edu

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**Susan Carlson Weinberg** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Flo, Sorry to hear about Larry, Cheryl and I remember what great neighbors you two were. We remember Larry being the neighborhood handy man. He removed snow from our driveway, helped me stain my house and whatever else needed done. You both were wonderful when Cari died. Thanks Larry, we'll miss you, Flo, we'll keep you and Larry in our prayers. Love, Mike and Cheryl

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**Mike & Cheryl Cameron** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Flo and Family, so very very sorry to hear about Larry. I always thought I'd be seeing him again some day. You were both always so kind. Our greatest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Cheryl Rissmann Gregg** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Flo, You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember Larry when he came to the farm and thought he should help with working cattle. He will truly be missed.

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**Mary Schmidt** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Flo, I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't get to know Larry but I know he must of been a very special man to you. You always talked very highly of him at work. My thoughts & prayers are with you always & don't ever hesitate to call if you need anything. I will be here for you. God Bless, Lisa

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**Lisa Hulm** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Flo, My deepest sympathy for your loss. I'll always remember Larry's warm genuine smile. Flo, you've touched my life in so many ways. First of all, many years ago you helped me to adjust to a new job. You taught me the technical skills of telemetry. You made afghans for my children, you put a smile on a little boys face, made a sad heart happy, when you made sure he won a prize at the hospital picnic. Though the years you've listened, given encouragement, and "firm" motherly advice when needed! You and Larry have touched the world, each in your own way. You are in my thoughts and in my prayers. With greatest respect and love. Carol Jean

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**Carol Jean Miller** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Flo, I am so very sorry for your loss. Not a moment has gone by that you haven't been in my thoughts. My heart breaks for you & I just want to be able to give you a hug. Your 2SE family is also very devastated for you & your loss. Please know that we are all here for you for whatever it is that you may need! With most sincere love & sympathy, Jenny

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**Jenny Walford** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM