



Marcel Gierszewski

May 28, 1946 - April 13, 2009

Marcel Leon Gierszewski, 62, Bismarck, died April 13, 2009, at Medcenter One Hospital, Bismarck. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 12:00 Noon Friday at Church of St. Mary, Bismarck, with Rev. Gene Lindemann officiating. Burial will be held in the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 pm Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with a 7:00 pm vigil/prayer service. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Marcel was born May 28, 1946, in Drayton, ND, the son of Conrad and Edith Sevigny Gierszewski. He was raised and educated in Drayton, graduating from Drayton High School. Marcel entered the United States Navy on December 15, 1965, serving in the Vietnam War, where he received the Combat Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart Medal. He was honorably discharged from the military on May 13, 1970. Marcel returned to North Dakota and attended NDSCS in Wahpeton for automotive technology. Following his education, he worked in Drayton at a dealership for two years. He met and married Adeline Buchwitz on November 18, 1972. They lived in Drayton and New Rockford before making their home in Bismarck. Marcel worked for various dealerships in the Bismarck/Mandan area where he was a master automotive technician. During his career, Marcel received many different awards and certifications for his automotive technician skills. For the past ten years he was employed with United Tribes Technical College, where he was an instructor and head of the automotive technology department. Marcel enjoyed riding motorcycle and was

very proud of his restored 1961 Harley Hummer, which won many awards at the different bike shows Marcel entered. He loved visiting family and friends and was always off to see someone or help someone. He was a long-time member of the Eagles Club in Bismarck. Marcel is survived by his wife, Adeline, Bismarck; his son, Lee Deanna, Bismarck; his mother, Edith, Grafton, ND; his brothers and sisters, Dave Judy Gierszewski, Moorhead, MN, Mary Jane Clifford Bailly, Grafton, ND, Agnes Ryan, Grand Forks, ND, Theresa Amos Pladson, Grand Forks, ND, Mike Joyce Gierszewski, Fargo, ND, Jim Carol Gierszewski, Grand Forks, ND, Lorraine Steve Michels, Fargo, ND, Charlie Marilyn Gierszewski, East Grand Forks, MN, Lawrence Sheri Gierszewski, Grand Forks, ND, Donna Dave Retterath, Dilworth, MN, Helen Darcy Stanley, Fargo, ND, Joe Connie Gierszewski, Grand Forks, ND, Rosie Schultz, Grafton, ND, and Mark Jill Gierszewski, International Falls, MN; his special pet, Roofy; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Conrad and his grandparents.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I met and worked with Marcel at UTTC. We worked at the front gate for the powwows, different committees...The news of his passing was most unexpected. I pray his family be comforted and supported during this time, and that they celebrate Marcel's life with the passion by which he lived.

Jill Feist - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ I worked with Marcel for several years at the Pontiac-GMC dealer in Mandan. He taught me many things, and not just about cars, but about life. Being one with the Universe on an open stretch of highway while on the back of a motorcycle is as close to understanding the meaning of life as anything I have ever experienced. Buddhist refers to this feeling as "Zen"; Bikers know this feeling as "Riding"...Enjoy those sun-drenched golden highways up in Heaven, Marcel; I am glad that I was able to help escort you on your final ride on this Earth!Till we meet again,Ride free, Brother!

Norman Westbrook - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ On Marcel's guestbook, I would like to thank his son for the journal he kept when Marcel was in the hospital. It truly was a "caring bridge" for everyone concerned--family, neighbors, friends and everyone who ever worked with Marcel. Thank you Lee.

Anne Kuyper - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ marcel was always nice to me he worked with cal for many years he was a good man my prayers are with the family sonja breckel

Sonja Breckel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Gierszewski family, I am very sorry for your loss.*

Pam Wheeler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Buddy you are missed!*

Curtis Maynard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *To the Gierszewski family, I was sorry to learn of your loss of Marcel. A classmate sent me the obituary and I was thrilled to see what a rich and productive life Marcel led.*

Emmagene Raney Allen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Mark, We are so sorry to hear of your your brothers passing. Coming from a person that has lost his brother as well, it does get better over time.....Always cherish the memories. And always remember that you have a loving family and friends that care. Call if you need anything.*

Kris and Dawn Flesland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Agnes, I am so sorry to hear about your brother...you probably don't remember me..as I moved from Grand Forks over 25 years ago but our daughters Melissa & Danielle both had Elaine as a babysitter. I was wondering if you were still living in Grand Forks. Anyway, just wanted to give my condolences to the whole Gierszewski family. May God's love comfort you during this difficult time.*

Marianne Burke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. Marcel's picture looks just like he looked all those years ago in high school! Rest in peace. Mary Beth

Mary Beth McDonald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ our sympathy from Marcells classmates and neighbors across the streets..from the twins..

Jane Thompson Jean Holter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We remember Marcel working on the farm, and enjoyed having him and his brothers around our family. Marcel was a dear and loved child...who was cherished by his mother and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. The Schumacher Family

John & Karen Schumacher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I was saddened to hear of Marcells sudden passing. Marcel and I were friends long ago at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Drayton and received First Communion and Confirmation together. He was known as "Dynamite" by Father Leonard Michalski, the parish priest. I went into the Army out of UND and had not seen Marcel for about 35 years. A group of us comrades of long ago were lucky to get together at the Drayton High School Reunion in 2003. We had a great time and the years disappered in minutes over a couple of cold beers on a hot July evening. I was looking forward to the same in 2009. Marcel, may God grant you eternal peace and smile upon your family and friends. God Bless-Jim Ebertowski

James Ebertowski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Our sympathy to all of the Gierszewski family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you go through this difficult time. We are so glad that we had a chance to visit with Marcel at the last class reunion and catch up on life. He seemed so happy. We'll always remember the big smile as he talked about his family, motorcycle and work, and the years since '65.

RICHARD AND SUSAN THOMPSON - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I too was very saddened to hear of Marcel's sudden passing. Marcel was a dear and very loved son and brother. I remember Marcel as always having this very happy face whenever I saw him. He was like sunshine because he brighten the room he entered. My heart and prayers go out to Theresa and the family for this great loss of Marcel. I know that David and Marcel will be still guiding us even if we do not see their bodies. The Holy Spirit moved in them daily with whomever they touched. My prayer is that God grant Marcel eternal peace and give family and friends peace knowing that Marcel is sitting with our Dear Lord with a smile on his face. God BlessJoyce

Joyce Oberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dear Adeline and family of Marcel, My sympathy and prayers to you at this time of your husband's death. May he enjoy Eternal Rest. My father Dominick would have been a cousin to Marcel's grandfather Julian. I had been working on a family tree sometime back and came across your family in it. I did meet Dave , Marcel's brother several times as he had been here to help out on a Cursillo weekend. May God bring you comfort and Peace at this time. Sister Dominica Gerszewski

Sister Dominica Gerszewski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We'll miss you Marcel---*

Dan and Carol - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM