



Mark Allen Macdonald

November 29, 1970 - March 26, 2014

Mark Allen Macdonald, 43, Bismarck, ND, died March 26, 2014, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck, ND. Services will be held at 1:30 pm Monday, March 31, 2014, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, with Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm -7:00 pm, Sunday, March 30, 2014, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Mark, son of Gary and Diane Mahlum Macdonald, was born November 29, 1970, in Billings, MT. He moved with his family to Wolf Point, MT, where he was raised and graduated from Wolf Point High School. He was very involved in AAU Wrestling, starting when he was 5 years old and even got to wrestle in AAU Grand Nationals. Mark's first love in his life was country singer Reba McEntire, but he met his second love at Capital Lanes Bowling Alley in 1993 and it was love at first sight for both of them. Mark and Lisa Ballensky were united in marriage on August 27, 1994. On May 19, 1995, they were blessed with their daughter Rachel. She immediately became daddy's little girl and had him wrapped around her little finger from day one. Rachel and Mark spent many happy hours fishing together on the Missouri River, and Mark loved their long late night talks in the garage. Mark wasn't able to say no to Rachel's many requests for "just one more" pet so that is why there were always more cats and dogs and even a rabbit than there were people in the house. On January 28, 1998, their family was blessed once again with the addition of their son, Jackson. Mark and Jackson both loved football and went to many Vikings games together to be

able to see their favorite teams play – the Broncos and the Saints. Every football season was a rivalry between the two on whose team was better – Mark's beloved Denver Broncos or Jackson's New Orleans Saints. Mark and Jackson loved to hunt in the Badlands together and Jackson inherited his father's love for collecting all kinds of rocks. Mark loved the outdoors and his passions were hunting and fishing. He always had room in his boat for you, as long as you were willing to get up at the crack of dawn and stay out all day long. He loved bow-hunting in the fall with his friends in the Badlands and was most happy when he could track a deer through the hills all day. Mark owned his own business, River City Geotextiles, and was the ultimate salesman. He always knew someone wherever he went. Mark also was a true friend to everyone and was always willing to help out when asked. His handiwork is left behind in the stamped and colored concrete he worked on all over town. Mark will be greatly missed by everyone that got the chance to meet him. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Lisa; daughter, Rachel; son, Jackson, all of Bismarck, ND; his parents, Gary and Diane Macdonald, of Wolf Point, MT; his brother, John Vicki, of WestMinster, CO; his sister, Kim Dalton Sallee, New Castle, CO; mother and father in-law, Marvin and Lois Ballensky; brothers in-law Marvin Lori Ballensky, Mark Ballensky; sister-in-law, LaWanda Curtis Wiedrich; nieces, Kristen Sallee, Ashley Bryce Howson, Lisa and Breanna Ballensky, Natalie Ballensky, Nautica Geestman; nephews, Shea Deb Sallee, Devin Richardson, Travis Cara Ballensky, Nicholas Ballensky, Nathaniel Geestman, Dawson Wiedrich; great nieces and nephews, Peyton and Piper Howson, Aiden and Braxton Sallee, and Riley Ballensky; and lots of very special friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rodell and Blanche Mahlum and Donald and Lillian Macdonald.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My brother Lyle Stolen would like to get in touch with John to express his condolences. You can Email me at ljsuppes@hotmail.com

Laurie Stolen Suppes - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My prayers are with the family. Mark was a great guy who would help out in any way he could. He will be missed and is in a better place with GOD and we were all blessed to have known him.

Loren Green - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I am not sure why things happen the way that they do but I am certain that Mark is in a greater place. God bless you. J.T. & Missy Kuntz

J.T. Kuntz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Our prayer are with you Lisa, Rachel, Jackson and Marks family, at this sad time, our deepest sympathy. Duane & Marilyn Kessler

Duane & Marilyn Kessler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Lisa, Rachel and Jackson: Our hearts are breaking for you. May you find comfort in the many memories of the great person that Mark was. He was "one of a kind" to say the least. It was a blessing in disguise that he was at Capitol Lanes that night!! We have wonderful memories....spending many hours bowling, playing darts, Frisbee golf and of course a few camping trips. May God hold you in his arms and comfort you.

Mike & Jean Scheet - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Marks family, I met both Mark and lisa at capitol lanes he was a very out going person who had big dreams and was not afraid to try them. I know his family and friends will deeply miss him. May Mark be up in heaven hunting and fishing and smiling down on earth to seeing all the good he did while his time here was short he made big impression on my people !

Anton Weekes Jr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Lisa, Rachel, and Jackson~My sincerest condolences on the passing of your husband and dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead. May the loving memories you have comfort you.

Desiree Bondley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My prayers are with you all. Over the years mark has been a great friend and always there if you needed anything. He helped me with my first steps with decorative concrete. He will be missed. GOD BLESS

Jeff Greisch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Gary, Diane, Kim and John; I am deeply sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Although we hadn't seen each other in many years I always considered him a friend. It doesn't seem like all that long ago that we were playing on the MacDonald's Little League team or fishing out at Rothe's Dam as young kids. I am truly sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my prayers.

Jed Sandau - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Very sad to hear about Mark. He was a great guy and came from a great family. My thoughts and prayers go out to Gary and Dianne and all of Mark's family. Mark will be missed.

Joe Leggett - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Although, I haven't seen Mark in years, the time we spent playing together as kids was priceless. I have true sorrow for his wife and kids. Gary and Diane, I am sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you and the rest of the MacDonald family.

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

TM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Mark was a very good person and a very honest salesman. Mark called on me about twice a week and he always had that smile on his face. We talked about lot of things and joked around a lot . Mark also talked about his family a lot and I could tell that he loved them very much. When I retired he still would call me just to see how things where going. I think he missed all the B.S. That I would give him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God bless

Thomas Meissel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ My heart goes out to you at this time of great sorrow. I know your hearts are heavy right now. But in the days to come, your smile will return as you remember the wonderful times you shared with Mark. Our dear Lord Jesus suffered much so that one day soon, we will no longer experience the pain of losing our loved ones. Revelation 21:4 promises, "And he God will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and Death Will Be No More, neither will mourning, nor outcry, nor pain be anymore..." Until then, may this promise from God give you peace and calm your aching hearts. With Deepest Sympathy,
Regina Jones

Regina Jones - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Gary & Diane, you know we love you guys... our hearts break for you & your family. You 'll in our prayers.

Julie, Ed, Whitney, & Lee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Years of aau, hanging at your house, sneaking around from Gary n Diane. My second family growing up. Haven't seen you in years, unsure how to take this. Gary, Diane, Kim and John, man I'm sorry. This is news not taken well.

Martinez - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ So very sorry to hear about Mark. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian and Vicki Eggebrecht - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Lisa and family I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kelly Roehrich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ So sorry to hear about Mark, your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann Schumacher- Hutchinson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Gary, Diane, Lisa and family, We were saddened to hear about Mark's passing. We will keep him in our hearts and memories. Sending you all prayers, loving thoughts, and deepest sympathy.

Wes & Siri Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers to Gary, Diane and family. Gary and Diane gave me my first job and I have a lot of great memories working with Mark at the restaurant. Some of his favorite topics were wrestling and which one of us could make a better pizza the fastest! Thinking of you today and always.

Loy Sprague - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Sorry about the loss of Mark. My Mom, Berniece Coffey, thought he was awesome as he always stopped over and visited with her while they were next door neighbors in WP on Johnson Street. Condolences to Gary and Diane, and his family in Bismarck.--Arden and Carla Will

Arden and Carla Will - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ My heart goes out to Gary, Diane and his family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We haven't seen Mark in years but it just seems like yesterday when we were in high school hanging out together! Rest in Peace my friend until we meet again.

Robert and Jeri Toavs - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ My condolences on Mark's passing. He was a great guy who was always willing to help out when anyone needed a hand. He will be missed.

Art Thompson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his parents, his wife & children and all who loved him.

Sue Watterson Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Thinking of you today and always, if there is anything we can do please let us know.

Tammy, Kevin, Jayden and Kaide - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Mark was such a kind friendly man who was always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be missed. If you need anything, please let us know!

The Gerrity's - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Prayers to you Lisa, Rachel and Jackson please know I am here for you and you can call any time.

Marla, Bryce, Dylan, Blake - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please know that we are here if you need anything.

Dennis, RueAnn, Adyson & Rees - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ God took a good man too early.....my condolences to Lisa, Rachel, Jackson

jeremy lasher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My thoughts and prayers to you Lisa, Rachel and Jackson.
Margaret Kiefer

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SN

“ My Condolences to your family on your loss. People say that death is part of life and that it touches everyone at some point in their life that may be true. But it's not what our Creator intended for us. I found comfort in God's word and I pray you can too. God promise to resurrect those who are asleep in death in the future, not only does he have the power to do so but he has the desire to. Romans 6:23 For the wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life by Christ Jesus our Lord. May sweet memories continue to surround you and bring you comfort. Deepest Sympathy

Sonia w. Richmond Hill, NY - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM