



## Roger A Steckler

July 6, 1959 - August 27, 2014

Roger A. Steckler, 55, Bismarck, died August 27, 2014, in an automobile accident. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Tuesday, September 2, at Church of the Ascension, Bismarck, with Rev. Msgr. James Braaten officiating. Burial will be held at Jamestown Calvary Cemetery, Jamestown, ND. Cremation has taken place, there will be no visitation. Roger was born July 6, 1959, to Edmund and Evelyn Willey Steckler in Jamestown, ND. He grew up in Jamestown and graduated from Jamestown High School in 1977. Following high school, he worked for Wedgcor/Sunward Trucking as a driver and mechanic. Roger married Sara Schweigert in 1985; the couple moved to Bismarck in 1987 and had two children, Alan and Laura. Roger attended BSC and after college worked for Commercial Refrigeration and then Dakota Refrigeration. Roger was well-liked and always willing to offer a helping hand. He enjoyed deer hunting each year with his son and family as well as getting together with the neighbors around a campfire. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and co-workers. Roger is survived by his son, Alan 24 and his daughter, Laura 21, Bismarck; his parents, Ed and Evelyn, Jamestown; his brothers, Dan and Wayne Penny, Jamestown; his sister, Nancy, TX; nieces and nephews, David and Kyla; Eric, Chris and Shawn; Derek and Ashley; and Rachel; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.



# Tribute Wall

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“ My first memory of Roger was during a grade school sleepover with my friend Nancy. Nancy and I both have 3 brothers. Roger was quiet and smiley compared to my brothers. He didn't throw his toys either. I later remember him in junior high. He wore the same smile. I am so sorry for the loss of Roger to this very kind family. May all the fond memories comfort all of you at this time.

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**Daune Hanson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Aunt Evie, Uncle Ed, Dan, Nancy, Wayne and the rest of the family, you are in our hearts and prayers. We will always remember our time spent with all of you when we came back to ND for visits. Roger was such a wonderful person. We love you, Melvin, Frances and all their children.

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“ We had the honor of living next door to Roger for three and a half years. He was an amazing neighbor and friend, always willing to help us or teach us how to do things around the house. We are heartbroken at the thought that we no longer get to see his smiling face every day.

Andrea and Jeremy Fonkert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *When ever there was a problem, or a project that needed special attention, Roger was the one to go to. He was a craftsman. He cared about his customers, because they were his friends. He cared about his work, because this was a reflection on him. He was a person that strived to be the best. He made those of us who worked with him better, as we had to perform to his expectations which were nothing more than doing the job the right way, from start to finish. He will be missed by all of us.*

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