



Samuel Ternes

June 17, 1972 - May 18, 2009

Samuel "Sam" T. Ternes, 36, Steele, died May 18, 2009, at his home of natural causes. Services will be held at 2:00 pm Friday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, with Deacon Eugene Kramer officiating. Time with his family will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Sam was born June 17, 1972, in Valley City, ND, the son of Tom Ternes and Pat Heit. He grew up and attended school in Mandan. After school he joined Job Corps which he really enjoyed. Sam worked various jobs as a cook, most recently helping his mom at Pirate Café in Steele. He married Cassandra Lehann Biggs and his son, Ivan, was born to this union in 2001. Sam was passionate about cooking, fishing, reading, karaoke and music, and movie trivia. He was a wonderful father and best friend to his son, Ivan, who was the love and light of his life. He is survived by his son, Ivan, Steele, ND; his mother and stepfather, Pat Roger Heit of Driscoll, ND; his father and stepmother, Tom Ruth Ternes, Eden Valley, MN; stepbrothers and stepsisters, Tom Therissa Heit, Bismarck, Michelle Johanson, OR, Lori Rory Christner, Castle Rock, CO, DuNette Ternes, Sa-sha Ternes, and Kira Ternes, all of Minot, ND; his grandmothers, Phyllis Kramer, Valley City, ND, and Anne Wentz, Covina, CA; his grandfather, Arthur Ternes, Strasburg, ND; his great grandmother, Katie Ternes, Bismarck; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Edmund Kramer and Curtis Wentz.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Sam. He was a wonderful man and father to Ivan. Ivan stay strong and remember that your dad will be watching over you from heaven. Take Care!

Darcy and Tandi Dockter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Pat and all,I'm so sorry to hear about Sam. I think of him and my Amanda playing as kids in the old tent in Chief and Kathy's yard. He was a warm, loving young man, and the kids loved him dearly. give Ivan a big hug from all of us. We must treasure the best part of him that he's left behind.love always Ellen.

Ellen Maruska Gross - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dearest Ivan, Pat, and Family,We are saddened by the loss of your father and son. We want you to know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers and if you should ever need anything, please call. We'll be there! It was so nice to see Ivan in school today, the kids were wonderful with him. Ivan , you will forever have an angel watching over you! Take care and God Bless You!

Antoinette Heier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Pat - Even though I do not know you that well, my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Remember that God is standing with open arms wanting to comfort you. He will never leave us or forsake us.Ivan - remember the fun times with your Daddy and he will always remain in your heart. I lost my Daddy too, 4 years ago this summer. There isn't a day I don't think about him.God bless,Elana

Elana Nygaard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Sam, I miss you already. God bless and keep you. He took you way too soon. Love you Buddy, Uncle Turk and Aunt Gloria

John "Turk" Ternes - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Roger, Pat and family, I am so deeply sorry to hear about the loss of your son. I didn't know Sam all that well but from what I knew of him he had such a kind heart, was a wonderful father to Ivan and boy could he cook up a storm! We always enjoyed eating at the Pirate and Amvets when he was cooking. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you out. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Kristie Benz Hagseth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We're saddened by your heartbreaking loss and are praying for comfort for the entire family.

Cousins Doris & Bill Shaw - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I just wanted to extend my sympathy to the family and especially to Ivan. Sam was a very nice man who did a wonderful job with Ivan, and while he cooked at the AmVets and Pirates. I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and praying for your comfort in your time of grief.

Mary Ellen Strand - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I will miss Sam. He was a kind, genuine person who treated everyone with respect. The first time I met him was in the parking lot at K & L. It was in the winter and all the cars were covered with snow. On an impulse I grabbed a handful of snow off the car next to us and threw it at Bob. The minute it left my hand a big booming voice behind me said "HEY, THAT'S MY SNOW!" I turned around and there stood a mini giant holding his bags of stuff. I was speechless. Which delighted Sam with his twinkling eyes. He just winked at me and said, "Good shot!" and got in his car and drove away. Since that time I never failed to appreciate his humor and zest for life. Like a rare flower struck down by the frost he has left us much too soon.

Alva Schoepp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We will greatly miss Sam. Our hearts go out to you. Please give Ivan a big hug from us and hold him dear. A picture I have of Sam in my mind is when he was a toddler. He was SO happy! He would throw his head back and laugh with great gusto. Then, he would look me straight in the eye, get a twinkle in his eye, and laugh out loud again from the bottom of his toes. What a joy! Unfortunately, we won't be able to travel to ND for the service, but we will be there in thoughts and prayers. We love you. Constance, Ritch, Spencer, and Conner Wells

Constance Wells & family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Pat- Its difficult to find the right words in situations such as this. I am very sorry for your loss. I can't begin to imagine the range of emotions you must be dealing with, but I pray that you find comfort in the happy memories that you and your son have created over the years. With Deepest Sympathy-Danyel Nelson

Danyel Nelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Ivan & Pat, I was shocked & so sorry to hear of Sam's death. Eddie & I were heading to Salt Lake City when we heard the news. Ivan, you know how special you were to your Daddy...you were the light of his life. I know he will be watching over you every minute of the day & sing you happy songs, even though you may not hear them. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. I will call you when I'm home. Love, Danette

Danette Biegler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Sam was a good friend to me when I was growing up. He had seen so much more of the world than I did and introduced me to new music that to this day still enriches my life. He taught me in the face of heartache that people can still be kind hearted. His heart was so full of love that opened a door inside my own heart. Sometimes I can forget those things but now as I remember him, there it is a constant reminder from a great teacher who I was privileged to know. He was an artist, writer, and poet who eagerly shared both his poems, stories, and singing voice with friends. Sam's beautiful voice was a wonderful joy to experience. It gave me the freedom to explore my own voice and it was fun. So many things we shared in common and yet so many things drove us our separate ways. I feel lucky to have known the little bit about Sam that I did and yet feel cheated now that I cannot meet him again as an adult. I am sure his kind heart could have taught me a great many more things. So thank you Sam for everything you have given me and the others that your presence here on earth has touched. You are a totally awesome dude and I'll never forget you man. Rest in Peace.

Paul MacArthur - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Pat, I am very sorry for the loss of your son. I met him only a few times when he came to visit you at Golden Manor and I thought he was such a nice person. My prayers are with you. And I miss you.
Pam

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

KN

“ To All of Sam's family know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sam was a good "kid" - he always knew me even if he hadn't seen me for several years - he would sit down and visit - I got to visit with him a couple years ago at the lake. I remember the early years when he would come to visit his aunt Kathy and the three of us would go and get into something - a yard sale or a ice cream cone. Give Patty and Grandma Phyliss a hug for me. Love and Prayers Kent

Kent Nudell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Pat and Rog, everyone. The unique thing about Sam was that he could be a family member, friend, soul mate, father, brother, sister, nephew and grandson all in one. That is what you could call a wholesome love, and love in its purist form. In him it was boundless and made him a cheerful, fun and easygoing guy who laughed often and he will be sorely missed.

Kathy and Chief Maruska - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Always our little rascal, full of life, full of love. Our prayers are with parents and family, and Ivan.

Jerry and Linda Ternes - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ We'll miss your big heart and sweet soul, Sam. Wish we could be there with all of your family to say farewell. You'll always be in our hearts. Love, LaRae, Cliff and Family

LaRae and Cliff Pearson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about Sam's death. My thoughts and my prayers are with you all on the loss of your daddy, son, grandson, husband and all other things that he was to so many people. Peace and God Bless, â? Pastor Jake

Jacob DeBoer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ I will miss Sam's smile and cheerful voice. Our love and sympathies are with you. May God bless you and provide you with His comfort and peace. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help. We'll be praying for Ivan every night. xoxoxo

Colleen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM