



## Steve Dockter

February 21, 2014

Steve Dockter, 33, passed away after an extended illness on February 21, 2014. His tender heart and gentle spirit touched the lives of so many. He deeply loved his wife, LaRae Benz Dockter, and their three little girls, Jaci, Cali, and Madi. Steve's life will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 26 at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Bismarck with Rev. Wes Aardahl officiating. Public visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 25 from 3-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. As a young child, Steve cared for every four-legged animal he could find. When a pet died, he held a burial service with music. He loved spending time outdoors at his parents' home along the river and camping. He spent a lot of time with his Grandma Meyer in his early years and they shared a special relationship. An avid reader, Steve had a broad knowledge about many topics including his Christian faith, business, and investments. He was a journeyman electrician, passing the exam easily and hoped to become a master electrician so he could keep learning more. He currently worked for Dakotas JATC Union. He loved to tell the story about how he married the girl next door. He and LaRae were neighbors in their early childhood years. They had lost touch, and Steve ran into Keith, LaRae's father, and asked how LaRae liked married life. When Keith responded that she wasn't married, Steve's eyes lit up and he and LaRae met for coffee soon after that. They were married in 2006. Steve enjoyed playing with his little girls, nieces and nephews. Always a kid at heart, he loved rough-housing with

them, but also enjoyed the quiet moments holding them and reading and talking. Steve's faith was strong, and there is no doubt, that he is in Jesus' arms today and will be praying for all of us until we meet again. In addition to his wife and three children, Steve leaves behind his parents, Ken and Kora Dockter; his in-laws, Keith and Bonnie Benz; his sisters, Shanna Brandon Brady and Kayla Ryan Albin; his brothers-in-law, Bradley Tessa and Derek Kaylee Benz; his sister-in-law, Erin Benz; and his nieces and nephews, Caleb, Cambree, Caitlyn, Bentley, and Eva. He also leaves his grandparents, Leo and Delores Dockter, Beverly Meyer, and Dennis and Bernie Meyer and many aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be made to: The Dockter Family Benefit Fund, a special account set up for the girls at Gate City Bank.

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Kora and family, LaRae & girls, Mari and Tiffany, God be with you all at this difficult time. We are sending our love and angels from Minnesota. He will live on in our memories. Rest in peace Steven. You really were a special guy. Lisa Sunde & family Lutsen, MN.

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**Lisa Sunde and family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss....Very sorry.Syd & Pam Stewart

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**Syd & Pam** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Kora, Ken and Family,My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Steve was one of my best friends as we were growing up and continued to be a good friend and support me in my times of need. I will miss him dearly.

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**Austin Mees** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family, take care and stay strong.

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**Steve and Connie Chmielewski** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Kora, Ken and entire familyYour all in my thoughts and prayers, we are a village and we will surround you with support. No words can express a loss such as this. My Steve rest in solemn peace.

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**Vicki L Peterson/ FamilyVoices** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Kayla...my heart aches for you and your family. I hope you all find comfort in knowing that there are so many people who are praying for you during this horrible time. Please give my condolences to the rest of your family...

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**Meghan Heinle Azorlie** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Ken and family, So sorry for your loss. Your son is in a better place with no pain. Will keep you in my prayers, Kim Dennis TimmersCHS "79

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**Kim Dennis Timmers** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ LaRae, girls and family, Our heart aches for you. We are sorry for your loss. May God's love help you through your grief.

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**Jeff & Linda Simpson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My apologies for missing four very important people in this family that are just as near and dear to us as all the rest. Guess I will blame my own grieving for such forgetfulness. I certainly had no intention to leave you out, Donia, Troy, Cole and Cash! We love you all!

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**Deb and Randy Diede** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Dearest LaRea and family, We remember Steve and always his smiles. Although we never knew you met you just the one time that I recall we have known Steve for a long time through our son Eric. We always enjoyed Steve's company. Please know our prayers and thoughts are with you, and have been with you during this very difficult time. With great sadness and our deepest sympathy. God bless you and your girls.

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**Ed and Richella Lutz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ LaRea & Girls & Keith Benz Family, You all are in our thoughts and prayers. LaRea you are a very strong willed person even though it might not seem that way now but I know you can pull through this. You have to for the girls. Hold on to the special memories in your heart and share them with a smile.

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**Tracy Zeeb** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ There are no words to say how sorry I am to hear about Steven. Know that God is with you. Take comfort that Steven is in God's arms.

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**Lavern & George Walls** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Kenny, Kora, and entire Family, There are no words to express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Please know you have so many who keep you close in thought and prayers and wish you comfort and peace. May Steve rest in peace.

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**Shawn & Mary Cooper** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know all of Steve's friends around the country have been taking this especially hard. Our thoughts go out to Steve's family, wife and daughters.

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**Dan Royse** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ RIP brother steve. Prayers sent to your wife and daughters. You will be missed. Kevin shipp ibew local 474

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**kevin shipp** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ LaRae & Girls: You have wonderful parents as a great support to lean on and hope you do. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time. Hugs to your whole family.

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**John & Penny Dockter** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Ken and Family We are all so sadden for your loss. May it comfort you knowing that Steve is with God and smiling down on us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during these difficult times. From everyone at Midland Garage Door Mfg.

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**Marc Simonet** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ LaRae & Family, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We are sending lots of thoughts and prayers to you and your whole family during this difficult time. Kurtis & Ashley

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**Ashley Truchan** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss, Steve was a good friend, Even though I moved away and we haven't talked in years. But I have alot of great memories, job corps ,school and work. LaRae and daughters my thoughts and prayers with you and Ken & Kora

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**Ian Rendon** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ Bless you LaRae and those beautiful girls. May you find peace and understanding in all of this.It may not feel just right now, but God has big plans for the four of you. May this bring you closer to him and guide you four through the rest of your years. With the bond and strength your family has in one another, may strength and comfort be found in them. You girls have the perfect support system, lean on them during this time and understand in time this will become easier. Lots of love and guidance sent your way.

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**Kristen, Tyce and Zoe** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ LaRae and family. So sorry to hear of your loss. It brings me to recall the reading of FootPrints in the Sand. When you see only one set of footprints, it is when he is carrying you. Although Steve will not be with you in person, he will be watching all of his girls from up above. You will each know this in your heart. Bless you during this time of grieving.

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**Doug & Brenda** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ So sorry for everyone's loss here. Steve was a classmate of mine at the Union hall and he was a great man and a very smart man as well. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him and I know he will be watching over LaRae and the girls from heaven. Truly a very sad day and a shock to alot of people.

Thomas E. Wolf - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ LaRae, Jaci, Cali, Madi, Ken, Kora, Shanna, Brandon, Caleb, Cambree, Caitlyn, Kayla, Ryan, Bentley, Delores, Leo, Leanne, Scott, Danyell, Amber, Bill, Ashlynn, Ben, Ryan, Aaron, Darcey, Matt, Haedyn, Sara, Karla, Dan, Tyler, Stephanie, Sydney, T.J. and Summer, If you can think of the happiest time of your life and then imagine it intensified exponentially, not even that can express the joy that awaits us all â??in heaven above.â? Steve is now experiencing this joy and we wish for you the peace and understanding that only God can provide for you during this time of loss. It is through His ultimate love for you, that you will find the strength and comfort to carry on til we experience the unfathomable joy of eternal life. We love you all very much!! RIP Steve!

Deb & Randy Diede - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I miss you so much brother and life will never be the same without you by my side. I just wish I could talk to you one last time. I will always love you and keep in my thoughts love your little sister Kayla

Kayla Dockter-Albin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time and always.- Jon, Beth, Ethan, Spencer, and Paige

Beth Eide - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ *LaRae, girls, Bonnie, Keith and the entire family - Words cannot express how deeply sorry we are for the loss of Steve. We pray you can find comfort and strength in God. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Greg and Steph Zenker** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Praying dor strength for your families during this tough time! God Bless!Mike and Sue Blair and Family*

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**Blair Family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *This is my 3rd attempt to write something. Nothing feels right or sounds good enough. I am truly sorry for your loss.*

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

TF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Tricia Gereszek & Kent Fischer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *LaRae and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers. Hold close the memories.*

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**Mike and Karen Uhler family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *LaRae, Girls, and Family, We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Steve was a great friend and co-worker. He is missed dearly. With love and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Mike & Amy Martin Family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM