



Steven Eberle

January 26, 1963 - August 12, 2014

Steven Joseph Eberle, our awesome and beloved dad, son, brother, uncle, and friend, has gone all too soon from our presence. Steve died on August 12, 2014, at the age of 51 when a piece of heavy equipment fell on him. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:00 am Saturday, August 16, at Church of St. Mary, Bismarck, with Rev. Paul Eberle and Rev. Msgr. Gene Lindemann officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday, August 15, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a vigil service will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Steve was born on January 26, 1963, to Joseph and Viola Miller Eberle. Steve was the fifth of sixteen children living most of his life in either Hague, Strasburg, or Bismarck, ND. Our "Stevie-wevie", our family jokester and friend, is not here to tease us or give us witty puns anymore. Who will sneak all the black olives and eat them before we have Thanksgiving lunch? Who will make sure to "try" a piece or two of that chocolate cake with caramel sauce? Whose elbows will get sticky when we make sure to mark his spot with jelly at the table? Who will play board games with us at Christmas? We will miss the sweet smell of his aftershave hugs and kisses! Just as we will miss his famous goodbye words – "I Love You!" He would say those words in such a way that we knew he meant it. He never wanted to leave without making sure others knew he loved them. Although Steve self-proclaimed his position in the family as the "black sheep", the only thing black about Steve was his hair! No ditch jumping or

mischievous pranks really showed the true him. Steve's true kindness, tenderness, love, and compassion were what really defined him. No matter how much he tried to distance himself from his crazy, large family, Steve was the one who wore his heart most truly on his sleeve. He was always the one you could count on to be there for you when you needed him most. Steve was a terrific father, caring so much for his beloved son, Alex, and daughter, Alexis. He spent so much time with Alex, teaching him how to fix things. It was natural for Steve, as he spent his life always "fixing" things – tractors, cars, old houses, and shops. He even built his parent's retirement home. If it was broken, Steve could fix it. The wonderful work he did with his hands can be seen in many houses. However, none of that mattered to Steve, as his children were his life. Alexis was his little princess; the twinkle in his eyes! He took pride in all of her achievements, especially her great dancing ability. She was truly daddy's little girl! Those that knew Steve knew that he struggled the last few months with the loss of his beloved son, Alex. Although it is extremely hard for us as words cannot express how much we miss them both, we know that in God's mercy and in God's time, father and son are now together in a much happier place. Steve is survived by his daughter, Alexis; his ex-wife, DeeAnn Foster; his mother, Viola Eberle; eight brothers, Tom Andrea, Don Laura, Will Connie, John, Mike Amy, Peter Holly, Fr. Paul, and Matthew Jen; six sisters, Janet Gary Gerhardt, Patty Mark Becker, Mary Tony Vetter, Bev Eric Johnson, Michele Ron Schatz, and Deb Steve Salwei; 45 nieces and nephews; five great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous dear friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Alex; his father, Joseph; one stillborn brother, Luke; his fiancée, Cindy Larson; his niece, Jessica Mosbrucker; and both sets of grandparents. We will miss you, but you will live always in our hearts! I LeeLa Shoe you Dad!

Tribute Wall

HS

“ *My condolences to the Eberle family. Know of my prayers for all of you during this difficult time.*

Helen Scherr-Bourgois - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear the news of Steve's passing. My sympathies to all of Steve's family and loved ones. Prayer for strength and healing.*

Teresa Held McCormick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Our hearts just sank when we heard of Steve's death. He was such a wonderful person. His smile and twinkle in his eye were so heart warming. I hope that God will hold the Eberle family in his arms and help you through this. He will truly be missed by everyone.*

Tony and Vivian Schaffner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Eberle Family, Please know that our prayers, condolences, and deepest sympathy go out to you on the loss of Steve. He was a wonderful and kind person, always helping and looking out for others' well being. Steve had a short life, but will remain in our memories and hearts forever. Thank you Steve for being there for our son/brother Jim, and being his rock. Steve was a "remarkable" person and will be missed by all that knew him.*

Albert Sr. Noel Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ My heart was very heavy as I heard the news of Stevens passing and my heart goes out to everyone who he touched with his bountiful love. Steven was not only a great cousin and close friend in my youth but a great person to be around. The times spent with him and David Miller were always fun from swimming to just running around, they cannot be replaced and will always be held high in my heart. Aunt Viola you raised a great son and my heart is always with you, Alexis, although I may have never met you I can honestly say that you had a great father who I know loved you very much, this truly was his heart, I don't ever remember seeing anything but a smile on his face and a great attitude to share with it. Please accept my condolences with my heart and even when the days may appear the darkest it is the Lord that will hold the light over his path. With all my Love; Harlon Miller

Harlon C. Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ This comes as such a shock, Steve was one of the best men I ever knew. He had a tender heart and was very hard on himself. He was a giver and would have given the shirt off his back at the drop of a hat to anyone in need. He adored both Alex and Alexis and had alot of love and respect for their mom always. There is no question he is in heaven with Alex, they are both at peace now in a place that is worry free and joyful. I will miss you my friend! Save a dance for me up there, till we meet again.

Benita Wald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Steve worked for us in the 80's and I have never met such a nice more wonderful young man. He was there when we had our auction sale and stood by my side all the way, knowing it was very hard for me to leave. My heart goes out to his entire family and prayers are sent your way.

Cindy Opp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were so saddened by the news of Steve's passing! He was a wonderful man with a really big heart, and will be missed by many!

Dean and Missy Meier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My sympathy to everyone who is lucky to be a part of the Eberle family. You were always so kind to the Schwab family. It was fun growing up, going to school, and working with you. Steve buried a LOT of rocks on our farm! The obituary written for him is beautiful and says it all. I will especially remember him for his teasing while he rolled those eyes! Ha! He was a good guy and friend to all he met! Take good care!

Delrae Hulm - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our Deepest Sympathy is with all of you during this sad time. Prayers are also with you to help you get through this very difficult time in your lives. He will be missed by many.....

Karen & Dennis Hulm - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To Alexis and all the Eberle family, Prayers and deep sympathy! How terribly sad and tragic to lose your loved one in an inexplainable way. We pray Christ welcomes Steve with his eternal embrace of love, joy and peace! May you who know and loved Steve so dearly find consolation in the loving support of family and friends! Sincerely, Sr. Susan

Sr. Susan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Eberle family, I cannot tell you how shocked I was to hear about Steve's death. I have not connected with Steve in a few years, but I thought of him just the other day. He was such a nice guy, always had a beautiful giant smile and a hug, and I can just visualize it looking at the picture. I just don't know what to say, so I will just say I will miss you Steve! Hope you and Alex can reunite in Heaven. I will miss seeing you! Rest in God's arms now!

Melissa Evans - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My deepest sympathy to Alexis and the whole extended Eberle family and friends. Steve was one of a kind and someone I will hold dear to my heart forever. I met Steve 13 years ago and he inspired me to enjoy life. He was a true friend and a wonderful man. Alexis, my heart breaks for the losses you have experienced. I pray the memories you have of your dad and brother bring a smile to your face and a lightness to your heart. The angels in heaven are more blessed with Steve and I know his dance card will be full as it always has been. Praying for God's peace to hug Steve's family and friends. Rest in Peace my friend, you will be truly missed. I love you!

Janice Richter Paulson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Steve was an amazing friend with such a big heart. I will never forget the day he taught me how to 2 step at the dove. He gave me so many loving memories that I will remember forever. He was full of smiles and always had that "twinkle" in his eye. He was taken too soon and will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Eberle family at this difficult time. Rest in peace Steve. You will always be in my heart. Jess G.

Jess G. - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Our thoughts and Prayers go out to you Alexis and the Eberle family. My daughter just loved Steve and is heart broken.

Kevin, Pam, Amanda and Cassie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ My deepest sympathy to Alexis and all of Steves Brothers and sisters and their families. I am sure he was the life of many of your family get togethers. He was such a kind hearted person and I do remember when he put his work aside to help us pull our tractor and drill set out of a lake. He joined us for supper and I admire how he talked about his family. He loved his family so much. What a great guy and what a loss for all of us and a great gain for those in heaven. Will keep all of you in prayers Kathy Nagel

Kathy Nagel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss and my heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. While we didn't keep in touch as well as we should have these past few years, Steve was still a true and dear friend of mine. That infectious smile that he had could light up a room! We exchanged text messages these past few months always meaning to get together and catch up on old times...Now God has a "black" sheep added to his flock. May we all take comfort in remembering all of the fond memories we have of Steve.

Mark Weishaar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Steve's family, he was such a very special man and will truly be missed. I have many good memories of Steve that I will cherish. There is another angel in heaven watching over you all. My payers are with you. God bless!

Shelia B - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My heart felt condolences to the entire Eberle family. I have no words, as I am flooded with memories of Steve. He was a good man, sincere, respectful, loving, so very helpful to everyone, he could be controversial, he loved to debate issues, always always there when someone needed him. He loved his children more than life, he carried guilt, he loved to have fun, he was a hard working man and always worried that he didn't provide enough. He loved his family. I loved him very much, and will always remember my time with him. Please know that you are all in my prayers. I cannot imagine the pain you are feeling with this great loss. My deepest respects and condolences. Shirley Redmond Shaw

Shirley Shaw - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My heart is breaking for Alexis, Steve's extended family and for myself on the loss of Steve. I am so glad I got to dance with Steve one last time last Sat night. He was in such a good mood and smiling. Steve always cared about how I was doing and loved to tease. He was such an awesome man and I am going to miss him so much. RIP my friend. I love you and will never forget you.

Dorothy H - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with everyone out there that knew Steve and how important he was to all of us. He truly was a special man and will be remembered in my heart always. Alexis and family he loved you very much. God give you strength and love. Dina

gmail.com - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My heart, prayers and thoughts go out to Alexis and also to the rest of Steve's family. May Good be with each of you during this terrible loss.

Laura Miller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Steve was an amazing man, always smiling and having fun. Prayers go out to the family of Steve. It is hard to believe he is gone. Thoughts go out to everyone. RIP Steven you will be missed. Candace K

Can Ckk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Steve was a terrific, kindhearted person. And a wonderful dancer! He was taken too soon and will be missed by so many people, but surely he is "dancing with the angels" now... My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Linae W. - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Steve was such a wonderful person. He brought joy and happiness to so many people and he will be deeply missed by so many. My heart, prayers and thoughts go out to Alexis and also to the rest of Steve's family. Good bless each of you during this terrible loss.

ReNee Kline - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Terrible loss for the Eberle family and the entire community. Thoughts and prayers.

Bob Bauman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My heart goes out to the entire family for your loss. Steve was an extraordinary person. Alexis - know your father loved you very much. When you were brought up in conversation, you could see the light shine in his eyes. He loved sharing stories about you with me. I am grateful for the short time I knew him and will remember him always. It will be hard to have him gone, but I cherish the thought that he is now with Alex and they can continue their journey together.

Mary F - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM