



Wes Schafer

December 4, 1948 - February 16, 2013

Wesley Schafer, 64, Bismarck, died February 16, 2013, at his home with his family by his side. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 pm Thursday, February 21, at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Wednesday, February 20, at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, where a rosary/vigil will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Wes was born in Bismarck, ND, on December 4, 1948, the son of Philip and Irene Paul Schafer. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1966. Wes had an associated arts degree from Bismarck State College and an architectural engineer degree from North Dakota State University. Wes was also a bricklayer with his dad for many years. Following graduation he worked at Mid-America Steel in Fargo until he moved to Bismarck. He was part-owner/officer at Metric Construction from 1980 to 2000. Wes worked at Do-Mor Excavation from 2003 until 2009 when he retired. Wes built the first four houses for Habitat for Humanity in Bismarck. Wes married Joyce Monroe in 1969 and together they raised four children. He enjoyed spending time at his cabin at Lake Isabel with his family and working on cars with his sons. Wes was always fixing something. One of his greatest joys was his grandkids. Wes is survived by his wife, Joyce, Bismarck; his children, Michael, Jennifer and Scott Aus, and Joseph and Thomas; his grandchildren, Dan, Catie and Brandon Schafer, and Levi and Hayden Aus; one sister, Janet and Tim Frank; nephews, Ryan and Sal Frank, and Matthew

Frank; his mother, Irene Schafer; one sister-in-law, Nancy Doll; and nieces, Shelley and Kelly Herzing. He was preceded in death by his father, Philip Schafer and his sister, Karen Schafer.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I find it so very difficult to find the words to describe how I feel. Wes was such a lifelong friend. I have such great memories of not only Wes, but of Phil, Irene, Karen & Janet. And Joyce, my heart goes out to you and your children. I am so proud to have been a part of your courtship and wedding to Wes. As with so many things in life, we have no control as to when we are called to God's Gate. Wes, we will all miss you. Joyce, you have our love and prayers. Dave & Dianne Holzer

Dave & Dianne Holzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My deepest sympathies to your family Jennifer. I hope you feel the support of those who will with each of you in this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Schiele - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WV

“ I'm a high school classmate. Would see him on occasion around town-always a pleasure to chat with him-nice person. My prayers and thoughts to Wes's Family.

Wendelin Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Wes, thank you for always being there for me whether I needed a place to store my car or a little WD-40 on a squeaky door hinge. I know that you will continue to watch over all of the people that you loved. You will be forever missed. I am sending all of my love to everyone who loved him.

Shelley Herzing - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Jan, my sincere sympathy on the loss of your brother.

Diana Fetter Vanous - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Wes you were the best brother anyone could have. We shared so many good times together that I will cherish in my heart forever. I miss you. Love Jan

Janet Frank - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ I worked with Wes when we were both employed at Missouri Valley Habitat for Humanity. Without a doubt, Wes was one of the kindest people I have ever met. His gentle nature and wonderful sense of humor made our tough jobs easier. He was a stickler for details and everything he built was of the highest quality. I'll miss his quiet laughter, his sincerity, and most of all, his big heart. Wes Schafer was one very good man. My condolences to his lovely wife Joyce he spoke of you often and always with such pride, his family, and his many friends, mourning this loss. Jessie Quinn

Jessie Quinn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Sending lots of love and hugs your way Joyce, Mike, Jen, Joe, Tom and the entire family. Wes was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by so manyRachelle Gilbert

Rachelle Gilbert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Joyce - we are thinking of you and keeping the whole family in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Sending a lot of love your way...Zeke and Katena Pershing

Katena Pershing - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so lost without my best friend. Love you Wes. Joyce

Joyce Schafer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Wes was my father in law and what a great man he was,he will truly be missed,and the memories I have of him will be cherished for my lifetime

Scott aus - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sad to hear about the passing of my good friend and best man at our wedding. We had great times back in high school. Wes, you will be missed by many. Our condolences to Joyce and the children.
Dave and Sandy Feist

Dave Feist - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ wes was a good friend, father and husband. i remember when wes used to comeover to my house and shoot baskets. i still remember all te fun we had i high school. Wess will be missed. i'mproud to be one of Wes's good friends. Tom Berger

Tom Berger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM