



## Wesley G Hendrickson

May 23, 1943 - October 22, 2013

Wesley G. Hendrickson, 70, Mandan, passed away October 22, 2013, at Sanford Health in Bismarck. A memorial service will be held on Friday at 11:00 AM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Burial will be held at 1:00 PM Friday at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Wes was born May 23, 1943, in Buffalo, WY, the son of George and Anna Klee Hendrickson. His family moved to ND, where he attended school in both Underwood and Golden Valley. After graduation in 1961, he later entered the US Navy. Discharged in 1966, he attended Dickinson State College before moving to Bismarck. Wes married Sharon Ternes on May 16, 1969 and began his 36-year career with ND State Radio Communications. He will be remembered by family and friends for the wonderful times they have shared with him. Wes loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed motorcycles, hunting, and fishing. After retiring in 2005, he added golfing and playing the guitar to his hobbies. Wes will be missed by his wife, Sharon of Mandan; his two daughters, Belinda Forknel of Fargo and Josie Barr of Brighton, CO, along with Belinda's husband, Jon and their children, Jenna and Jesse, and Josie's husband, Jef, and their children, Allison and Austin. He will also be missed by his sister, Virginia Boepple and husband Will of Salida, CA; his brother, George and wife Luisa of Ferron, UT; and his brother, Chuck of Judson; as well as his in-laws Sandy and Dan Hubbard of White, SD; Tami and Dev Ternes of St. Paul, MN; Shelly and Steve Wickham of Mt. Pleasant, IA; and Don and Helen Ternes of Trabuco Canyon, CA. Always with a good dog at his

side, his buddy Shane will miss him too. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Anna Hendrickson.

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear Sharon and family, So sorry to hear of the death of Wes. Death can take away a loved one, but never the memories of your life together. May he rest in peace. Ron and Ardelle Biberdorf

Ardelle Biberdorf - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ We had lots of fun traveling to pistol shoots. Fond memories of a wonderful man. RIP Wes.

LaMar Kruckenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Sharon and family, So sorry to hear of the loss of Wes, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dawn Boepple Marquardt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Sharon and Family, I first met Wes when he came to State Radio to apply for a job he was wearing penny loafers with no socks and had a open short sleeved shirt. Behind all this was one of the most talented men I have ever had the pleasure to work with. He was a leader, a teacher, and a model for all who worked with him. We hunted deer, antelope, fox, coyotes, and fished the big lake and the river together. He was a special friend. My entire family admired him. He did so much for so many, and the world is a better place because of him. I will never forget him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family in this very difficult time. Lyle & Judy Gallagher

Lyle Gallagher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Sharon and family - We are sorry to hear of your loss, our thought and prayers are with you. Gaylord & Ann Schmidt

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**Ann & Gaylord Schmidt** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers Dawn Rhone

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**Dawn Rhone** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ To the family of Wes Hendrickson: I was sad to hear Wes is gone - I worked with him over 20 years ago setting up a 911 system in Pembina County - he was a very good mentor and touched the lives of many people. So sorry for your loss. Becky Ault, Grand Forks 911 Center

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**Becky Ault** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I met Wes nearly 20 years ago when our County implemented our 9-1-1 system. I worked closely with Wes and was saddened to learn of his passing. I will always remember him as being so kind and helpful to me throughout the years we worked together! May he rest in peace and may his family find comfort in their memories. Wells County Sheriff's Dept Janelle Pepple

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**Janelle Pepple** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I was shocked to see Wes is no longer here on earth. We graduated together and being in a small school we all had a great time . My brother and I loved his sense of humor. Our sympathy to Wes' family. Arlene Erbstoesser-Helling and Dean

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**Arlene Helling** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Will never forget the "Weez" His taking me fishing on the big lake, as well as on the river, and ice fishing in the Gremlin. Him taking me along on his late nite training trips, the communications school in MD, the comm van trip to Grand Forks for the flood. Our 2 day motorcycle adventure, with Chuck, to Newtown, along with the afternoon stop at a bar in Watford City. Our trips to Sturgis on bikes. Alot of good memories made the years go by pretty fast, I just wish I could have talked him into going on the ATV trip to find Sitting Bulls cabin site on the Grand River. Somehow I think he will wait for me so we can do it together!

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**Gary Monzelowsky** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Wes was a great guy, we spent many many hours together on the road for State Radio a few winters, I think we were on every highway in the state. During that time we solved all the problems of the world. I will miss him greatly, as I considered him one of my best friends, always looked forward to our lunches since we retired. Sharon our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family a this time of you loss. Jim & Joan Lueder

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**Jim Lueder** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Sharon and family, Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Wes was a good friend. He started at State Radio shortly after I did. Wes drove a Sunbeam roadster, and I rode a motorcycle. It was shortly after that Wes got his 100 Honda. He would strap on his arrow sheath to the back fender and put our fishing gear in it, and off we would go to fish the Heart River west of Mandan. One morning shortly after dawn, we headed north on section lines on our motorcycles, eventually fishing for Bass at the Van Oosting dam way out in the boonies. In the late afternoon, we got hungry and roasted our catch by splitting them and hanging them on a barb wire fence over a small fire. We both had a lot of explaining to our wives when we got back late that evening. We spent many hours together at the radio consoles at State Radio. We were a family and as a family we shared weddings, Christmases and birthdays. Remember Michelle, Belinda, and Harlow Bales little girl standing on the couch? I mourn his passing. Sam and DeLonis Lovold

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**sam lovold** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Sharon, Josie and Belinda and Families, I am deeply saddened to read about the loss of Wes. I have so many fond memories of times spent with your family during high school. His warm smile, kind heart, and sense of humor always made me feel welcome in your home. May the thoughts and prayers of friends and family lift you up and carry you through this sad time. Sara

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**Sara Gress Berger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Sharon, So sorry to hear about Wes. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Bunny & Gary Greig** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Wes always had a minute to visit with me and treated me with respect. I think he knew my family longer than I have been around, he will be sorely missed.

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**Jason Lueder** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ I always enjoyed working with Wes. I particularly remember a trip to Hettinger. I've missed seeing him at the office and am sorry to hear of his passing.

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**Randy Tietz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We will miss Wes's unique way of looking at the world. He always had an opinion for the way things should be, which were always interesting to hear. I will miss his smile and his laugh. He took care of us when things got complicated at work, finding a way to make things right.

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**Rick and Mary Robinson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Sharon, Our condolences and prayers are with you. I was honored to work with Wes. After he retired, I enjoyed hearing from you about Wes when I would see you at Vision Source. Wes was a good man and a blessing to so many.

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**Kathleen Donahue** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Learned a lot from this man, very sad, to young

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**Pete Lillestol** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM