



## David Grafsgaard

April 22, 1960 - June 20, 2007

David Grafsgaard, age 47, of Ulen, MN, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, in MeritCare Hospital, Fargo, ND.

David Ernest Grafsgaard was born April 22nd, 1960, the son of Ernest and Birdine (Benedict) Grafsgaard in Moorhead, MN. David graduated from Moorhead High School with the class of 1978. He then joined the Marine Corps, where he served his country from 1978 to 1981. For the next few years he was employed by various businesses in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Dave met Mari Pat Lauf in 1984, and they were united in marriage July 12, 1985. Out of this union were born two sons, Jordan David in 1986, and Justin Albert in 1988. Dave joined the U.S. Army in August of 1987, and served for six years. They were stationed in Colorado Springs, CO, and Baumholder, Germany. Dave continued with military service in the National Guard until he retired with 20 years of military service to his country. After his active duty, they moved to Bismarck, ND, where they lived for five years. While living there, Dave was employed by Cass Clay Creamery. They then moved to Ulen, where he was employed by Cargill Seed and later the West Central Ag Service, both in Ulen.

Dave is survived by his wife of 22 years, Mari; two sons, Jordan and Justin all of Ulen; his parents, Ernest and Birdine Grafsgaard of Moorhead, MN; two brothers, Steve (Joanne) of Denver, CO, and Stan (Gayle) of Moorhead; father and mother-in-law, Don and Arlene Lauf also of Ulen and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at 11:00 AM in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ulen. Visitation will be on Friday, June 22nd from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Visitation will also be one hour before services at the church on Saturday. Officiating will be Pastor John Martinson with Carol Lockhart serving as organist and Penny Herzog as pianist. Providing special music will be Sandee Wedin, Greg Lauf and Ariel Lauf. Pallbearers will be Brock Blakeway, Gary Mendez, Anthony Cory, Nathan Wilmore, Ariel Lauf and Cody Wilmore. Honorary bearers will be the employees at West Central Ag in Ulen. Full military honors will be presented by the Minnesota National Guard 2nd through 136th Combined Arms Battalion.

Interment will be in Bethlehem Lutheran North Cemetery, Ulen.

Blessed be the Memory of Dave Grafsgaard.

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ I am very sorry to hear about Dave. My heart and prayers go out to family. "Spud" was whom I considered to be my best buddy in the Marines. Needless to say Dave really was a truly geat guy with a wonderful sense of humor. I'm very sorry we lost contact over the years.

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**Chris Thomsett** - July 14, 2007 at 09:19 PM

RC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you have wonderful memories and great faith to help you through this difficult time.  
(I taught at Northridge when Arlene was there; also I had Jordan in 3rd grade).

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**Rita Charlebois** - June 24, 2007 at 02:35 PM

SR

“ Dear Grafsgaards, I'm so sad to be reading about David's tragic accident! What an outstanding young man he was! He was way too young, but he sure squeezed many, many more years in to just 47! Each of you are all such a great family, and I'm sorry you have to go through such a huge loss again! My heart is right there with you! May God bless and comfort each one of you!  
all my love always,  
Your friend Scott

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**Scott Richards** - June 22, 2007 at 11:08 AM

BM

“ *We are so saddened to hear of your husband's death. You have our love, prayers and sympathy as your family goes through this tragedy!! God bless you and keep you in his care. Bill and Phyllis Miller*

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**Bill and Phyllis Miller** - June 21, 2007 at 05:58 PM