



Duane Todd Baumgart Jr.

November 23, 1970 - June 23, 2012

Duane Baumgart Jr., age 41, of Waubun, MN, passed Saturday, June 23, 2012 at Sanford Health System in Fargo.

Duane was born in Milwaukee, WI to Roxanne (Dentici) Claassen and Duane Baumgart Sr. Duane was proudly given the Indian name “Niisho-Mukwag-Inini”(Two Bears).

At the age of two he moved to California until 1976, then returning to Milwaukee and going to school in Greenfield, WI. As a young man, Duane moved with his family to Spanaway, WA, to help care for his ailing grandmother. From 1986 until 1989, he worked as a painter in the shipyards, then returning to Wisconsin where he was united in marriage to Sharla Olson in 1993. Blessed with a son, D.J., he worked as a machinist at the Stone Container company for many years. Later meeting Tasha Amerhiem, they moved to Wissato, WI and in 1996 had a daughter Justice Rose. In the early 2000's Duane moved to Waubun and worked at the Casino, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and the yearly WE FEST, finally meeting the love of his life, Elley Mae Koeffs.

Duane has loved music since an early age was a gifted electric guitar player. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors, golfing, fishing, and hunting.

Duane is survived by his mother: Roxanne Claassen of Detroit Lakes, MN; father, Duane Baumgart Sr. of Moorhead, MN; girlfriend, Elley Mae Hoefts of Waubun; son, Duane “D.J.” Baumgart of Madison, WI; daughter, Justice Rose Baumgart of Germantown, WI; brothers: Lawrence Fairbanks of Waubun,

Todd, Corey and Scott Baumgart of Moorhead, MN; a sister, Crystal D. Claassen of Milwaukee; his paternal grandparents, John and Betty Baumgart; and special nephew, Ethan Saxon; and dear niece, Eva McKenny
He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Mable Dentici.

Traditional Native American Services will be held at 10AM on Monday, July 2, 2012 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex, Naytahwaush, MN. An all night visitation will at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex beginning at dusk on Sunday, July 1st and continue until the service begins on Monday. Interment will be at Vernon Anderson Memorial Cemetery, rural Waubun.

Tribute Wall

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“ LARRY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOU LOSS. LOVE ALWAYS,
AUNTIE CAROL

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