



Michael W. Amundson

November 8, 1959 - January 25, 2013

Michael W. Amundson, age 53, of Fraser, CO, formerly of Waubun, MN, died Friday, January 25, 2013 at the Twin Valley Living Center in Twin Valley, MN. Michael William Amundson was born November 8, 1959 in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Palmer and Laurena (Brehm) Amundson. In 1962, the family moved to Waubun to make their home. Mike attended grade school and high school in Waubun and graduated with the class of 1978. Following high school, Mike joined the United States Navy. He served on the USS Truxton (CGN-35), and traveled around the world. After his honorable discharge in 1986, Mike lived in Fargo, ND, for a short time before heading to Colorado for his first job as a “ski bum”. His love for the mountains kept him in Colorado and he made his home in the village of Winter Park. Mike worked at Winter Park Resort operating equipment and maintaining the ski lifts on several different runs generating from Mary Jane, one of the tallest peaks in the resort.

In addition to his love for travel and the mountains, Mike also liked to ride motorcycle whenever possible. In his high school years, he was known to pull a few pranks and joke around, but as time went on he turned into a hard working individual with a high standard of work ethic. He had a tremendous will to live and fought hard to the very end. Even through the difficult times, he didn’t complain and always had a smile that would light up any room. Mike truly enjoyed spending time with family, especially his nieces and nephews and treasured everyday as a moment of borrowed time.

In January of 2012, Mike was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and began receiving treatment and guidance at the VA Hospital in Fargo. He was able to return to his home he loved in Colorado for about 6 months before coming back to the area in October of 2012 to be closer to family. Michael is survived by his parents, Palmer and Laurena Amundson, Waubun; two sisters, Becky Radi, East Grand Forks, MN, and Brenda (Todd) Gross, Fargo, ND; two brothers, Mark (LoAnn), Fargo, and Morris "Dude", Arthur, ND; four nieces and nephews: Sarah (Nathan), Rachelle, Matthew, Hannah; three step nieces and nephews: Denise (Craig), Dana (Cory) and David (Anna); three great nieces and nephews: Rylan, Kiley and Kenly; several aunts, uncles and cousins, in addition to his extended family of many friends in Colorado. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waubun at 11:00 am.

Visitation was on Monday, January 28, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waubun from 5-7 pm with a prayer service at 6:30 pm.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Palmer, Laurena, Dude and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. The video was a wonderful tribute to his life and love of Colorado. Take care, Linda Erickson-Robinson

Linda Robinson - February 21, 2013 at 09:28 PM

SZ

“ Our prayers are with Mike's family. Mike will be truly missed. May he rest in peace.

Scott and Jackie Zortman - February 21, 2013 at 06:43 PM

CS

“ My sympathies go out to the entire Amundson family. Growing up in Waubun we knew everyone and the Aumndson Family were kind and gentle folks. Mike hung out with all of us and he was a gentleman always kind and caring. God Bless the memories of Mike Amundson. Dude if you are ever in Grand Forks you are always welcome for a visit :)

Connie Moore Schmidt - February 02, 2013 at 05:56 PM

RA

“ We are so sad to hear of your loss. I just heard word of Mike passing away today and I am sadden that we couldn't attend the funeral to show our love and support to a wonderful family and our respect to such a fun, kind, gentle person. Please take comfort in knowing he is in a better place and one day we will all be able to see him again. I was shocked when I read today that he had passed. He was loved by many and those some people will miss him dearly. If there is anything that we can do for anyone, please don't hesitate to contact us. We still live in Detroit Lakes. We miss our surprise visits from Dude!! Hey buddy, hugs to you from us both. :) God bless you all during this most difficult time.

Rob and Alecia - January 31, 2013 at 02:22 PM

TF

“ So sorry to hear about the lost of your son am thinking of all of you,s.

The Boutto family - January 30, 2013 at 10:56 AM

MW

“ My prayers and love are sent to you all during this tough time. Love you all dearly. Love, Michele

Michele Walters - January 29, 2013 at 10:38 PM

VB

“ Brenda and Todd, Thinking of you at this time, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Vicki and Randy Bjornson

Vicki Bjornson - January 29, 2013 at 11:03 AM

JH

“ While I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Michael, I do know Brenda and Dude. It is difficult to lose a brother who still had lots of years in front of him, but I hope the passage of time will help ease your sadness and leave you with happy memories. In the meantime, I'm sending healing thoughts and support your way.

Julie Donner Hamer - January 29, 2013 at 10:32 AM

BT

“ Dear Palmer and Laurena,
My heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your son.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bette Toso - January 28, 2013 at 05:09 PM

DP

“ I am very sorry to hear that Mike passed away. I haven't seen him since high school but I remember all the fun we had with 'Wierdo' and will never forget his big smile.

Deb Pudwill Pavek - January 28, 2013 at 04:49 PM

JS

“ My sincere sympathies to the Amundson family.

Jill Dalman Suby - January 28, 2013 at 02:14 PM

BM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I knew both Brenda and Dude back in the day. I, too, lost my brother two years ago December. So hard to say goodbye. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers! God bless!

Brenda Bruggeman McCauley - January 28, 2013 at 12:20 PM