



Michael Charles Murray

July 25, 1952 - January 29, 2012

Michael C. Murray, age 59, of Mahnomen, MN, died Sunday, January 29, 2012 in his home.

Michael Charles Murray, son of Ellsworth “Jack” and Geraldine (LaGue) Murray, was born on July 25, 1952 in White Earth, MN. He grew up in the Elbow Lake Village area and attended school in Waubun, MN. Mike enrolled in the Detroit Lakes Vocational School where he received training in auto body. As a young man, Mike worked for a short time doing brushing work for Mahnomen County then began working for Safeway Steel. At the age of 18, Mike began his employment with the Mahnomen County Highway Department where he gained the position of Assistant County Engineer. He also served many years as the Mahnomen County Safety Officer. On February 12, 1983 he was united in marriage to Donna Fabre. Together they lived and raise their family in Waubun. In 2000, Mike moved to Beaulieu, MN, near Mahnomen, to make his home. In July of 2011, he officially retired from the highway department after 39 years and 8 months of service.

Over the years, Mike was very active in the Waubun community serving on the school board, the city council, and the fire department. He also was a member of the Old Timers softball team for many years. In his younger years, Mike was an avid racer and participated in the Mahnomen demolition derbies. He enjoyed cooking and could often be found making fry bread and pineapple upside-down cake. He also loved to cook on his Weber grill and took pride in carving the holiday turkey and ham. He was a talented woodworker and

frequently shared his handmade furniture with family and friends. He proudly made wooden toy boxes for the little ones in his family. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors. Most importantly, Mike loved his family and cherished each of his precious grandchildren.

He is survived by a daughter, Celeste (Matt) Stalberger of Bemidji, MN; three sons: Casey (Lisa) Christensen of Callaway, MN, Mike (Sonia) Christensen of Waubun, and Teddy (Kendra) Murray of Bemidji; a brother, Dennis Murray of Pine Point, MN; sisters: Mike's twin, Marilyn (Doyle) Kirkeby of Chanhassen, MN, Jackie Hariluk of Waubun, and Laurel Blackdeer of White Earth; brother-in-law, Bob Moran of Waubun; uncle, Ted LaGue of Naytahwaush, MN; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Mike is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Merlin; a sister, Charlene Moran.

A time of gathering will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm, with a Prayer Service at 7:00 pm, all at the Anderson-Mattson Funeral Home, Mahnomon.

A private committal service will be held on Friday.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I would like to thank Mike for picking me up when I was broken 30 years ago. He loved my children and I and we became a family. Teddy joined us a year later and made him the happiest man on earth. It pains me that our marriage ended, but my childrens love for him did not. I will be forever grateful that God brought me to him and he helped me mold our children into kind and respectable adults. I am proud to have been his wife, even though it did not last "till death do us part." God Bless you Mike.

Donna Murray - February 04, 2012 at 01:55 PM

KJ

“ WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF MIKE.WE NEW HIM FOR MANY YEARS AS MARILYN IS MARRIED TO MY COUSIN DOYLE KIRKEBY AND WE HAVE KNOWN THE FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS. PEACE BE WITH MIKE.

KEITH%SUZI JOHNSON - February 02, 2012 at 08:55 PM

VH

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Mike. He was a kind man and I am sure will be missed by all who knew him. He was always a pleasure to deal with when he would come to see Dr. LaDue. Gods Blessings to you all during this difficult time of your lives.
Vicky Hlubek

Vicky Hlubek - February 02, 2012 at 06:58 PM

DR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Mike used to work on my squads at the county shop when I was a Mahnomen Co deputy. He was a great guy to work with.

Trooper Dan Riggle #423

Dan Riggle - February 01, 2012 at 05:01 PM

BF

“ So sorry for your loss, Mike was a great guy. He will surely be missed by all who knew him. With prayers and sympathy, Mark and Betty Fabre

Betty Fabre - January 31, 2012 at 08:44 PM

BD

“ Mike was a great person, friend, and coworker during my time of working at the Mahnomet County Highway Department. He will be greatly missed by all. Rest in peace.

Brenda (Bettels) Danielson - January 31, 2012 at 11:10 AM

AP

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

Arlene Podlak - January 30, 2012 at 09:17 PM

CM

“ So sorry for the family of Michael Murray. He will be missed.

Carol Moore - January 30, 2012 at 05:31 PM

NG

“ *I worked for Mike at the Highway Department in 2000-2001 and since then we have kept in touch. I could always count on Mike for a joke to cheer me up.*

Nancy A. Graham - January 30, 2012 at 04:30 PM