



Wynn H. VanDenBerg

August 2, 1957 - June 3, 2016

Wynn VanDenBerg of Greeley, CO, passed away on June 3, 2016, after a brave battle with ALS. He was born in Hettinger, ND, on August 2, 1957.

Growing up on a ranch in rural South Dakota, Wynn loved ranching and the open prairie. He raised livestock and worked tirelessly to provide for his family. In 1986 he and his family moved to Greeley, CO, where he attended flight school and became an aviation instructor. In 1993 Wynn changed his focus to carpentry and became a master craftsman. He oversaw the completion of many beautiful homes in Weld County and beyond. On a daily basis his former partners spoke of his talents. He finished the home he and Shelly shared.

His family, daughters and grandchildren were the light of his life. He loved the time he spent with them. His grandson Hudson's middle name, Gehrig, honors both his Grandpa Wynn and his paternal Grandma Janis Drovdal, who passed from ALS in March 2009.

Wynn was always serving others, this gift was returned by his loving and devoted caregivers: Dakota, Debbie, Grace, John and Stephanie. Thank you to everyone who spent time with Wynn, we are blessed to have known and loved him.

Wynn is survived by parents Herman and Ruby VanDenBerg, wife Shelly Rager, his children from a previous marriage to Karla Collins, Heidi (Josh) Drovdal, Amber VanDenBerg and a step son, Jarrod (Amber) Rager; grandchildren Tayen and Hudson Drovdal and Brooklynn Berard. He is also survived by five sisters Marilyn, Cindy, Susan, Gloria and Lisa, their spouses, and many other family members and friends. The last twenty years Wynn and Shelly Rager shared the best and most precious years of their lives.

A memorial service to celebrate Wynn's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Christ Community Church, 1301 15th Street in Greeley. Another service for friends and family will be held at a later date in South Dakota.

Memorial gifts can be made to the ALS Association, Rocky Mountain Chapter. They can be sent in care of Moser Funeral Service, 3501 S. 11th Avenue, Evans, Colorado 80620.

Events

JUN Memorial Service 01:00PM

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Christ Community Evangelical Free Church
1301 15th Street, Greeley, CO, US, 80631

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Moser Funeral & Cremation Service - June 08, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ This is beautiful. It shows so much love by all those around him and Wynn's love for them.

Jane Haggart - June 08, 2016 at 11:42 PM



“ What a Beautiful Tribute!

Cindy - June 10, 2016 at 06:08 AM



“ Very beautiful, such precious memories of a special person with such Faith and courage.

LaVea Verhulst - June 11, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to a loving man with a smile for everyone.

Renee Haggart - June 12, 2016 at 12:26 AM



“ Wow. Beautiful video remembrance!

Yvette Zeece - June 12, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ A Beautiful Tribute!

Ruth - June 12, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to a great guy! I have great memories of Wynn always a gentleman and great friend. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family.

Cindy Riley - August 15, 2016 at 11:07 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Wynn's passing. I went to Vo-Tech with him in Sturgis. Very nice guy! He will be missed.

Larry Tauck from Montana

Larry Tauck - June 21, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to Wynn. I went to high school with him....such a nice guy to everyone. Prayers for peace and healing to all of his family.

Bonnie Crow - June 11, 2016 at 09:26 PM



“ Wynn was more than special. He had the natural beauty of showing what faith, love, family and kindness is all about. Anyone who knew Wynn was blessed. He fought his battle with ALS with grace and courage. Now, he can rest in peace as he enjoys eternal life where there is only happiness. Till we meet again, Wynn.

Marilyn Anderson - June 10, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ I graduated high school with Wynn...he was an avid wrestler and always had a huge smile on his face...always happy...He was a very special person..my heart and prayers go out to his family and friends.. Colleen "Wilson" McKinstry

Colleen M McKinstry - June 10, 2016 at 07:20 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wynn H. VanDenBerg.



June 09, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ Janet Cammack & Julie (Norris) Hammar purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Wynn H. VanDenBerg.



Janet Cammack & Julie (Norris) Hammar - June 09, 2016 at 11:02 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Wynn fought ALS hard and you were always there for him. My heart goes out to you. God be with you.
Ron and Karen Rutt

Karen Rutt - June 09, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“ We feel so incredibly blessed to have met Wynn, he is an inspiration to us all. He was an amazing man and has an amazing family. We are sending lots of love and prayers. Love, Jeff, Leslie, Kaylee and Kendyl Morris

Leslie Morris - June 09, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ I wish I had known when he was back in SD the last time. I would have loved to have seen him. I found out after he had gone home. He has good company now, Jim Haggart, Grandpa Van, Grandma Haggart, Aunt Dorothy. Bet they are having a great family reunion right now. He is at peace and surrounded by love, as are all his family and friends.

Jane Haggart - June 08, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ I've never had the good fortune to meet anyone as positive, joyful and compassionate as Wynn, our neighbor. We were so lucky and blessed to get to know him and call him friend. We have good memories that will be forever celebrated. Now our friend dances on streets of gold, within the pearly gates and we know we will meet again on another day.

We will miss Wynn horribly as we cover Shelly and Wynn's family in prayer during the coming days.

All of our love, prayers and hope for comfort. Daphne & Brad Harris

Daphne Martinez - June 08, 2016 at 04:22 PM



“ Wynn was very special to our family. We enjoyed him so much the 2 years he lived with us while he was attending the Vo-Tech. Our kids and their friends loved the attention he would always give them, whether it was wrestling, water fights, or whatever. I was so glad I was able to have some time and a good visit with him when he visited Herman and Ruby the last time he came to the Hills. Hopefully there will be a breakthrough to deal with that awful disease sometime soon.

Gerie Ericson - June 08, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ 70 files added to the album LifeTributes



Moser Funeral & Cremation Service - June 08, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the days to come. So many memories to hold onto. Ardel and I are thinking of all of you and want to send you a lot of love and hugs! Bless his Heart! Love all of you!

Ardel and Deanna Reder - June 07, 2016 at 11:55 PM



“ Jesse and I are so sad to hear of Wynn's passing. He was quite an inspiration to those with debilitating diseases. He was quite a fighter. Condolences to Shelly Herman and Ruby and girls and families.

Jesse and Mary Lee Marty - June 07, 2016 at 11:20 PM



“ My memory of Wynn was a cute and sweet guy in high school. He was Prom king when I was Prom queen. Always a smile and easy to talk too. I'm sure he was surrounded by love and had a great family to support him through this illness. He will be missed.

Dawn Marshall - June 07, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ I have never met a more gentle soul. Always a friendly smile and always made me feel like family and welcome in his home. He was one of a kind and I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, I hope you find peace in knowing he is safe and not in any pain, and he is with you in every memory you share of him.
Mike Anderson

Mike Anderson - June 07, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ The Belleview Ct. neighbors, Spearfish, SD purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Wynn H. VanDenBerg.



The Belleview Ct. neighbors, Spearfish, SD - June 07, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Cherish the memories.
The Belleview Ct neighbors, Spearfish, SD

Belleview Ct Neighbors - June 07, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Wynn's passing. I remember him as a kind, gentle soul. I was a wrestling cheerleader when Wynn was a wrestler in High School in Bison. He was a great friend and human. He will be missed by many.

Kristie Jensen Machado

Kristie Jensen Machado - June 07, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ Shelly, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I've always believed that if we keep the “happy” memories alive our loved ones will continue to live on in our hearts.

Trish Freeman - June 07, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ This picture of Wynn is perfect! It is how I always remember him with that contagious smile and laugh he always shared with everyone. He was truly one of the nicest people I have ever known and his strength through his illness was inspirational. Hugs to everyone who have lost having Wynn in their lives (especially my BFF Shelly!), but his memory will forever be in your hearts, and mine.



Denise LaChapelle - June 07, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ My thoughts & prayers are with all of you! I always liked Wynn so much! You're Special Angel is watching over you now. May all your memories bring a chuckle to your Spirits and a smile to your lips.

God Bless!

Dorothy Quaal

Sturgis, SD



Dorothy Quaal - June 07, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss! Wynn was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. My fondest memories are of branding at his folks ranch. It was always a great time with Wynn family. I will always remember his baby blues and his amazing smile! May God hold you in his arms and help comfort you all! Prayers for all your family and friends.

Tonya Collins
Bison SD



Tonya Collins - June 07, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wynn H. VanDenBerg.



June 06, 2016 at 05:58 PM