# Remembering the life of....

Mark VerValin, age 57, West Fargo, ND, died Monday, May 21, 2018 at his home under the care of his loving wife and Hospice.

Mark Steven VerValin was born June 15, 1960, at Moorhead, MN, the son of Darwin and Donna Mae (Johnson) VerValin. He grew up at various locations near Fargo, ND. His parents divorced, and Mark considered his stepfather Raymond Miller to be his father. He began working in Fargo at various jobs, and also had worked at Grand Forks, ND.

On May 4, 1991, Mark was united in marriage to Gladys Haaland at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in West Fargo. He was diagnosed with Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy in 1992, and became fully disabled in 2007.

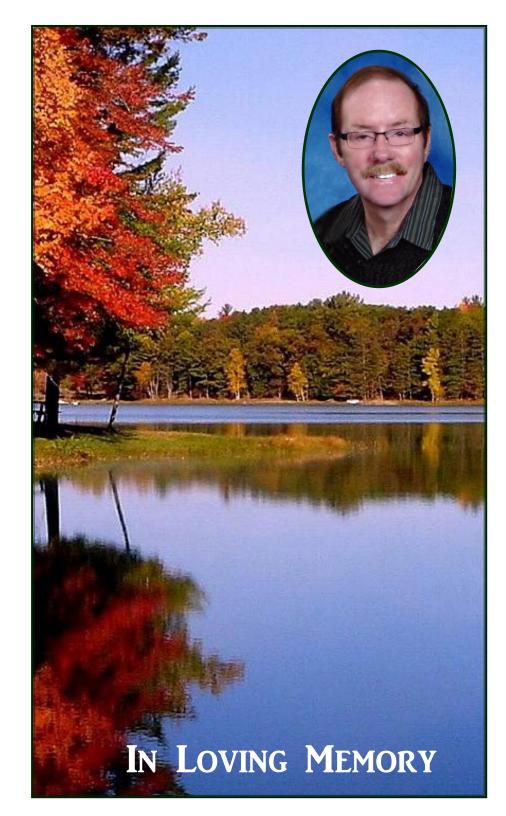
Mark loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed cars — watching stock car and NASCAR races, and working on cars was a big part of his life. He also enjoyed camping and fishing, "just tinkering", and woodworking. Mark loved watching birds while being out on their deck. He was a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church.



He is survived by his wife Gladys; his step-father Raymond (Pearl) Miller, Fargo, ND; two sisters and one brother, Sharon (Curt) DeMent, Vicky (Matthew) Wicker, and Tab VerValin, all of Fargo, ND. Also his sister-in-law Torill (Ray) Wasness, West Fargo; five brothers-in-law, Kjell (Charlotte) Haaland, Cooperstown, ND, Arne Haaland, Frazee, MN, Magnus (Linda) Haaland, Cooperstown, ND, Ivar (Karen) Haaland, West Fargo, ND, Andy (Gail) Haaland, Cooperstown; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, including Tausha (Joshua) Bolluyt of Fergus Falls, MN, Stephanie Wasness and Lindsey (Justen) Riebe, both of West Fargo, ND, and their 7 children, whom Mark considered to be his children and grandchildren.

Mark was preceded in death by his father & mother, his grandparents, and Gladys' sister-in-law, Diana Haaland.







God looked around his garden And found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth And saw your tired face. He put his arms around you And lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best. He knew you were suffering, He knew that you were in pain. He knew that you would never Get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough And the hills were hard to climb. He closed your weary eyelids And whispered, "Peace Be Thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone. Part of us went with you The day God called you home.

In Loving Memory of

# MARK VERVALIN

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# FUNERAL SERVICE

St. Andrew Lutheran Church West Fargo, North Dakota Thursday, May 24, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

#### **OFFICIANT**

The Rev. Clark Jahnke

# SPECIAL MUSIC

Susan Jahnke, organist Lindsey Thorstad, soloist "Amazing Grace" Congregational Hymns "The Old Rugged Cross" "How Great Thou Art"

# **CASKET BEARERS**

Tory Wasness Dylan Boit Nathan Haaland Christian Haaland Shawn DeMent Garrett Andel

# HONORARY BEARERS

All of Mark's Nieces & Nephews, Great-Nieces & Great-Nephews

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join them for fellowship immediately following the service.