

## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Alvin Zimmerman "Al" was born to Patricia Saltzberry and Alvin Zimmerman on September 3, 1975 in White Pine, Michigan. He lived in Bruce Crossing, Michigan until he was 5 years old when he moved with his father, Alvin (Sandy) Zimmerman, to Williston, ND. There he began his school years and welcomed a brother and sister to his family, Jeremy and Heather. Al moved with his parents, Al and Sandy, and siblings to West Fargo, ND in 1985. The family briefly moved to Valley City, ND in 1986 for a year, but then moved back to West Fargo, and Al remained there for the remainder of his life. Al graduated from West Fargo High School in 1994.

During high school, Al joined the North Dakota Army National Guard. He served a total of 15 years in both the National Guard and Active Army. During his time as a soldier, Al served a combat tour in Iraq. He received an honorable discharge from the military in 2008.

Al's oldest daughter, Daeja Zimmerman, was born in 2003. Then in 2006, Al married Nikki Rentz, and from this union, his daughter Jaeda Zimmerman was born in 2007.

Throughout his life, Al enjoyed "tinkering." He always loved fixing things, anything from bicycles to cars. He had a great artistic ability, and he enjoyed drawing. He also had a passion for cars, and throughout the years, he bought and sold several of them. He loved spending time in his garage, especially when he was grilling something. He was quite the chef, and he enjoyed making amazing food for family and friends.

Al had a contagious smile and left this Earth too soon at the young age of 44. He was loved by many and will forever be missed.

Al was preceded in death by his mother Sandy Zimmerman, biological mother Patricia Salzbury, grandmother Bethel Zimmerman, grandfather Gerald Larson, great grandmother Violet Samuelson, and cousins Brandon Bunnell and Michelle Samuelson.

He is survived by his daughters Daeja and Jaeda Zimmerman, father Al Zimmerman, brother Jeremy (Stephanie) Zimmerman, sister Heather (Grant) Carlson, special friend Denise Engebretson and her children Thaddeus and Natasha, grandparents Carl Zimmerman and Gloriann Larson, great grandfather Onie Samuelson, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.



# IN LOVING MEMORY

Celebrating the life of  
**ALVIN "AL" ZIMMERMAN**



**FUNERAL SERVICE**

West Funeral Home Chapel  
West Fargo, North Dakota  
Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020 - 10 a.m.

**Officiant**

The Rev. Nicole Johnson

**Music**

"When I Get Where I Am Going"  
*by Brad Paisley & Donna Parton*  
"I Can Only Imagine" *by Mercy Me*  
"There Will Be A Day" *by Jeremy Camp*  
*(sung by Grant Carlson)*  
"Just The Good Old Boys" *by Waylon Jennings*

**Honorary Pallbearers**

*Al's Daughters - Daeja & Jaeda Zimmerman*  
*Al's Nieces & Nephews*

Cayden Zimmerman	Pyper Zimmerman
Ashtyn Zimmerman	Grace Carlson
Noah Carlson	Faith Carlson
	Micah Carlson

**Interment**

Fargo National Cemetery      Harwood, ND

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



**ALWAYS LOVED**

When we think of you  
It will bring a smile.  
We had you here,  
If only for a little while.  
Right now our hearts  
are broken, each to a  
varying degree.  
So loved and respected  
and now you are free.  
No one can believe,  
the hurt is so real.  
We can't bear life  
without you yet  
I know we will heal.  
Thru the love and the  
friendships your memory  
will be alive.  
Rest easy dear friend  
until we see you on  
the other side.

By - Tammie McQuown  
(Friend of Al's)



**MILITARY RITES**

West Fargo VFW Post No. 7564  
ND Military Funeral Honors Team

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