



Michael A. Nitschke

November 13, 1959 - April 25, 2009

Michael Allen Nitschke, age 49, of Beach, North Dakota, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2009, at MedCenter One in Bismarck, North Dakota. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach, North Dakota, with Chaplain Burnie Kunz officiating. The eulogy will be conducted by Chuck Mardian. Mike's nephew Eli Plunkett will recite a poem he wrote in memory of Mike. Donald Hustad and Wayne Eschenbacher will serve as urn bearers. Darren Eschenbacher, Bill Gable, Randy St. Pierre, and Brian Gregoire will serve as honorary urn bearers. Interment will follow in the South Side Cemetery at the Gasho farm north of Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Mike was born November 13, 1959, in Wolf Point, Montana, the son of the late Charles Allen Nitschke and Colleen Joanne (Eschenbacher) Nitschke (now Colleen Gasho). He grew up on Glasgow Airbase and attended school in Glasgow, Montana. Mike and his mother later relocated to Sidney, Montana, where he completed his education. Mike worked for several years on oil rig crews and at Big B Muffler in Sidney. He married Sonja Samuelson and relocated to Idaho. When the couple divorced, he traveled throughout the United States for nearly ten years and finally returned to his family on the Gasho Ranch in Beach, North Dakota. Mike worked as a cook at the Dairy Queen in Beach and lived and worked on a ranch helping with livestock, crops and all types of farm chores. He also worked in Golva, North Dakota, for a couple of years as a janitor for the town -

a job he truly enjoyed. Mike later moved to the Bismarck-Mandan area where he began hauling mail. It was a job he excelled at and received honors for his work. He was in the process of obtaining a CDL which brought him great joy. Mike had many interests including driving truck, watching Nascar and football, cooking, playing cards, and playing jokes on people. Mike will most surely be missed by his family and friends. Mike was preceded in death by his father, Charles Allen Nitschke; his paternal and maternal grandfathers, John Nitschke and William "Bill" Eschenbacher; his uncle, Kenny Eschenbacher; his aunt, Luella Shumway; and his cousin, David Eschenbacher. Mike is survived by his mother, Collen Gasho and her husband Harlan of Beach, North Dakota; his sister, Renee (Osborn) Plunkett; his nephew, Eli Plunkett; and his ex-stepfather, Ronald Osborn all of Watertown, South Dakota; his aunt and uncle, Betty and Leonard Hustad of Bainville, Montana; his uncle, Dale Eschenbacher of Savage, Montana; his aunt, Nancy Bauer of Wolf Point, Montana; his uncle, Johnny Nitschke of Wyoming; his grandmother, Helen Nitschke of Wolf Point, Montana; his step-grandmother, Rose Gasho; several cousins and many Gasho and Sokoloski relatives.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael A. Nitschke*

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