



Robert Dean Waldal

August 24, 1946 - October 13, 2017

Robert "Bob" Waldal, age 71 of Beach, North Dakota passed away on Friday, October 13, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the Silha Funeral Home in Beach and from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A Prayer service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach with Father Dan Berg officiating. Rite of Committal will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Beach. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements. Robert Dean Waldal was born on August 24, 1946 to Sam and Thelma (Lardy) Waldal. He grew up in Los Angeles, California with his sister Arlene, and graduated from Westchester High School in 1964. On his way to play baseball for Black Hills State, he stopped at DSC to shoot baskets in Scott Gym. Coach Jessen persuaded "Bobby" to take off his "Yellow Jacket" and become a Savage. Bob played basketball four years with the Savages, where they won four consecutive NDCAC Conference titles and made three trips to the NAIA National Tournament. He also played baseball for DSC. Bob earned a tryout for the Olympic men's basketball team during the summer of 1968, and was also drafted and invited to the New York Knicks training camp. Although he did not earn a spot on either team, Bob pitched for the California Angels farm team in Iowa during the 1969 season.

While at DSC, he met and married Susan Ehli on September 25, 1968. Bob and Sue moved to Golva, ND, where they started a family, taught school and coached the Golva Tigers boys' basketball team. The couple had five girls, whom Bob referred to as his "Fab Five". After two years in Golva, Bob obtained a teaching and coaching position at Watford City High School, where he coached both the boys and girls' teams. In 1978, his Watford City girl's team placed sixth at state.

Bob took a hiatus from coaching and teaching in 1980, to open his own businesses: Bob's Bar, The Dog House, and The Burger Ranch. The coaching bug struck again, and Bob accepted a position coaching the Mandaree Warriors boys' basketball team from 1984-86. In 1988, the Waldals moved to Beach and Bob had the opportunity to coach his daughters and became Captain of the Buccaneer Ship, where he was the school guidance counselor and lead the girls' basketball teams to a Fifth-Place finish (1988) and back-to-back State Championships (1989, 90). His entrepreneurial spirit could not be quenched, and he opened Bob's Backyard in Beach.

Bob was an active member of the community and coordinated many local events. Stals and Gals, Bike to Beach, pool and dart leagues, and many other fun community activities entertained people from all over the area. Although Bob dabbled in coaching here and there, he started the "Buccaneer Training Camp" during the summer of 2006 and took over the girls' basketball program just as his granddaughters were coming up through the trenches. True to Waldal's tradition, he kept to the "Fun"amentals and his fast-paced style of play. As a result, the Bucs amassed one more State Championship (2010) and five total state births during those ten years.

Bob had a way of making everything fun, from basketball to community events and everything in between; everyone has a "Bob" story. He also was known as the largest "goat farmer" in ND. Bob loved his animals and had many throughout his life, each of whom had a name. He also traveled up and down the highway on his motorcycle with his beloved friends, and most of the time with his music blaring and one of his dogs on the bike. Faith, family and

friends were the most important to Bob. He enjoyed daily mass, praying the rosary, and valued his relationship with Christ. Bob shared the last fifteen years with his love and companion, Barb. They shared their love of outdoors, animals, sports and motorcycling. Even though he had many achievements in his life, none made him as proud as his five daughters, five sons-in-law, and twenty grandchildren. Bob cherished his time with his girls and their families, and loved them with all of his heart. He enjoyed special and unique relationships with each of them and was known as "Grandpa Stud" to his grandchildren. His sister Arlene was his best friend and very precious to him; they visited every day and shared many wonderful experiences together. He loved his nieces and extended family very much and made everyone feel special.

Bob is survived by his sister, Arlene Faren; a niece, Cindy (Craig) Williams; his daughters, Tammy (Troy) Hoffer, Carey (Steve) Zook, Jackie (Eric) Farstveet, Christy (Steve) Huber and Bobbie Sue (Dan) Farstveet; twenty grandchildren and numerous extended family and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Thelma Waldal; a niece, Sherry Munson and a brother-in-law, Bob Faren.

In lieu of flowers, please send all memorials to the DSU Heritage Foundation for the Bob Waldal Basketball Scholarship. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota
125 4th Avenue Southwest
P.O. Box 488
Beach, ND 58621
(701) 872-3232
silha@midstate.net

Visitation

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Prayer Service

OCT 18. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Dean Waldal*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Just a thought. I was in Cambodia when Bob passed. There was a tremendous storm about exact hour that Bob passes. I called Arlene to find out when Bob had passed away. I just realized that I will be in Cambodia on his fifth anniversary of passing, Oct. 13. Miss him greatly. Lee and Glenda Talkington*

lee talkington - September 10, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your dad. He had an easy smile and was loved by his family. Alan and Paulette Estvold*

Paulette Estvold - January 09, 2018 at 11:45 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of Coach being an important part of my life as a coach and a mentor. Coach push me to be the best that I could be in Basketball and in Life! The memories and stories are truly priceless. I thank God for Coach being an influential part of my Life. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire Family.*

Todd Syverson - October 21, 2017 at 10:51 PM

VZ

“ Bob's life was a "Celebration of Life" and will continue on through the many people's lives he touched and influenced. Especially the generation of young women that he coached, the confidence he instilled in them that they too could be winners if they chose to be and winning didn't always mean the box score. To always strive to do better in all things including personal best, competitiveness with self and team to obtain a common goal, community mindedness are just a few good qualities that will live on through these individuals. Deepest sympathy to family and friends in this loss of one of the good guys. He will leave a large void in community and hearts.

Vicki Zook - October 19, 2017 at 10:20 AM

BD

“ I am so sorry to hear that Mr. Waldal passed away. He was an outstanding basketball coach that spent an enormous amount of time helping his players improve their game. We would shoot 100 free throws at noon, have a great practice, and then he would spend more time with us after practice so that we could perfect our one on one moves to the basket. I so enjoyed getting to know his entire family. He had the whole community excited about basketball the year we went to state in 1978. I liked his competitiveness and his willingness to put in extra time and effort. He always had us learning, moving, and having fun. It was always fun when he would bring his girls to the gym.

My sympathy goes out to his entire family. May God send his peace and comfort at this difficult time. Loving memories will live on and on. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Billie Dixon, Grand Forks

Billie Dixon - October 18, 2017 at 10:30 PM

MP

“ Mike Pickett lit a candle in memory of Robert Dean Waldal



Mike Pickett - October 18, 2017 at 12:26 AM

CH

“ Dear Waldal family,

It saddened me when I read that Mr. Waldal had passed away. He was my geography and drivers education teacher and I will always remember him noticing clothes on the clothes lines drying as I was being dropped off.

And so many wonderful memories of watching him coach.

There is no easy time to lose a parent, but this one was way too young for his children and grandchildren.

*Sincerely,
Cindy Hendry*

Cindy Hendry - October 17, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Waldal.*



October 17, 2017 at 02:16 PM

JO

“ Barb , arlene , don , tammy , carey , christi,jackie ,bobbie sue and grandkids , all my thoughts , prayers and deepest sympathy to the loss of bob ! He was a very good , caring , giving , fun person to everyone ! Im lost with words as i write this and will never forget bob ! This morning here in la i saw pigeons flying and of course i know there was a reason ! Rest in peace bob and no matter where we are or doing bob your remembered ! Jack osterhout , la california

Jack osterhout - October 17, 2017 at 02:14 PM

DL

“ My condolences to Bob's family. Bob was a great friend with a great personality. He always enjoyed practical jokes and I will always respect what a great person he was.

Denis Limke - October 17, 2017 at 02:01 PM

TH

“ So many memories. Bob was my coach, my teacher and my friend. As we grew older I always enjoyed the times we were able to get together and talk about old times but he also would always ask how things were going currently in my life. I never have and never will forget him. Gods Blessings to all the Waldal family at this difficult time.

Tim Hovet - October 17, 2017 at 11:30 AM

BM

“ *Tammy, Carey, Jackie, Christy, Bobbie Sue and families:*

Great memories of time spent with Bob, during our Watford City days, are too numerous to mention. Bob was truly "one of a kind," a guy with the unique ability to brighten one's day.

God bless the memory of Bob Waldal, and bless and console all who grieve his loss.

Peace be with you.

*Bill & Kim McLees
Highlands Ranch, CO*

Bill McLees - October 17, 2017 at 11:14 AM

PA

“ *Bob made you a better person just by knowing him. He not only was a coach on the court but was also one in life. He saw the best in all of us and no matter what trial you were going through he had a way of making you feel it to would come to pass. From playing basketball against his team's and daughters to playing pool at Bobs Backyard and sharing a table at the Shamrock Club I enjoyed just being in his presence. May the Lord keep him in the palm of his hands and bring peace to his family and friends. Much love and respect. Patricia Ann Anderson*



Patricia Anderson - October 17, 2017 at 01:03 AM

JM

“ Bob always brought his "lunch pail & hard hat" when playing the game of basketball. We had many fun battles at the SIT. The best was when we decided to play together on the same team. What a treat! I pray that God comforts & unifies your family in the midst of your loss.

John Morrison - October 16, 2017 at 11:50 PM

RH

“ Randy Hedberg lit a candle in memory of Robert Dean Waldal



Randy Hedberg - October 16, 2017 at 09:50 PM

Terry Knapp

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Terry Knapp - October 16, 2017 at 02:37 PM

Terry Knapp


“ Will really miss Bob, remember all the Bike to Beach rides he put on with entertainment. ...RIP Bob..hope u riding again up in Heaven...

Terry Knapp - October 16, 2017 at 02:36 PM

CU

Will really miss Bob, he was a wonderful friend who we will never forget, he was a friend to everyone he met. Bob was wonderful wonderful coach.

Charles & Shirley Uetz - October 18, 2017 at 11:34 PM

 Barb Oppegard

“ *Barb Oppegard lit a candle in memory of Robert Dean Waldal*



Barb Oppegard - October 16, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Waldal.*



October 16, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Waldal.*



October 16, 2017 at 09:30 AM

SH

“ Bob was good friends with my father Bill Burns. There are so many wonderful memories of time spent with Bob and the girls when we lived in North Dakota. May God grant you comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.



Shereen - October 16, 2017 at 02:28 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Waldal.



October 15, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Waldal.



October 15, 2017 at 10:56 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Waldal.



October 15, 2017 at 11:50 AM

KF

“ May God's blessings shine upon Bob now that he is resting peacefully with the Lord. God bless and console the family. He shared a lot of good morales and values as our teacher and coach in Golva. He even had me write a 1000 times..I will not throw spit wads at George Washington. I never even considered doing it again. He requested respect from all his students and players. We then respected him.

Kay Finneman - October 15, 2017 at 05:18 AM

DK

“ Donald Krueger lit a candle in memory of Robert Dean Waldal



Donald Krueger - October 14, 2017 at 10:59 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Waldal.



October 14, 2017 at 09:02 PM