

Timothy (“Tim”) Duane Brakke, age 37, of Grace City, ND died July 8, 2018. He was born April 8, 1981 and raised in Fargo, ND. He lived south of Fargo on the family farm until his mother, Jean Brakke, died when he was 4 years old. He moved into Fargo to live with his grandparents, Alice and Chester Brakke, who helped raise him. He went to Fargo schools but did not graduate from high school. He later went on to receive vocational education at the Quentin Burdick Job Corps in Minot, ND. In 2004, he received certifications in Shielded Metal Arc Welding and Gas Metal Arc Welding.

Tim was a “Jack of all trades” working many different jobs during his life. He started working at Hardee’s in Fargo at age 15. He went on to work for Burger Time (Fargo), Texoma Filters (Wichita Falls, TX), Tooz Construction Inc. (Dickinson), Terry’s Roofing (Dickinson), Rogers ND Elevator, SunGold Foods (Horace, ND), Sioux Manufacturing Corp., Maria Maria Mexican Restaurant (Lisbon, ND), Pizza Ranch (Carrington, ND), and Casey’s (Carrington, ND). In recent years, he worked at the North American Bison Coop in New Rockford, ND. He left this job earlier this year to work for Becker Construction where he did cement work and constructed grain bins. Tim was known by his co-workers to be ambitious and a hard worker.

Tim was sensitive and kind-hearted. He was known for his smile and could fill a room with laughter. He was witty and had a little bit of a comedian in him. He loved his children and family very much even at a distance. Tim had a couple of very close friends that stuck with him even during hard times. Wyatt Akin was close friend of Tim’s from childhood on. He was very thankful for this forever friendship. Randy Peterson and Tim became friends after meeting in 1994. A good friendship grew and Timothy called him “Uncle Randy”. This friendship grew over years to where they were best friends. Tim could always count on “Uncle Randy” up until the day he died. Tim and Randy shared many fun times including fishing trips to Canada, a trip to California to Disneyland and other attractions, and a bus tour to Tijuana, Mexico. Tim frequently talked about these special memories. Tim enjoyed watching movies and visiting with people. Tim liked to look good and enjoyed shopping especially for clothing and shoes.

Tim was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Jamestown, ND. He was baptized on January 22, 2017 and was confirmed February 5, 2017. While he attended Church, it was the happiest that Randy had ever seen Tim. Tim stated that the Church members treated him the nicest he had ever been treated. The members of this church were supportive to Tim when he needed help caring for his daughter, Lucy. He was very grateful to be a member of this Church.

Timothy will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his father, Ronald Brakke; his wife, Lydia Brakke; his sister, Kara Johnson (Garret); his brother, Ronald Daren Brakke (Sheri) and his eight beautiful children, Acacia Kay, Timothy Tyler, Anna Lynn, Alerik James, Timothy Duane Jr., Lydia Alice, Jean Marian and Lucy Georgaline. He is preceded in death by his mother, Jean Brakke.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Timothy “Tim” D. Brakke*  
*April 8, 1981 - July 8, 2018*

# *A Hug from Heaven*

*Don't be sad - I'm here with Jesus.  
Don't be sad and please don't cry.  
I'm right here ... I've never left you ...  
Don't you know that love can't die?  
I am safe and warm and happy  
As I've never been before,  
Seeing Jesus face to face was more  
Than I had bargained for.  
As you speak, I'm right beside you.  
As you walk, I'm by your side  
Close your eyes and you'll see clearly  
That my Spirit has not died.  
Everyone's on earth for reasons  
Man can't fully comprehend  
But in heaven, I've seen clearly  
Justice triumphs in the end.  
Understand my love surrounds you  
In a way you cannot see  
Feel it, sense it, trust it's presence  
Have some patience. Let me be.  
Do not waste another moment!  
Give to God complete control  
Of worries that concern you  
And your heart and mind and soul.  
Wake each day in joyful gladness  
Knowing we're not far apart.  
Look to Jesus for the answers ...  
He will heal your broken heart.  
But above all, please remember  
There's no need for you to cry.  
I'm right here! I've never left you!  
Don't you know that love can't die?  
- Contributed by J. Mattson*

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FUNERAL SERVICE  
Thursday July 19, 2018 – 1:00PM  
Comstock Lutheran Church  
Comstock, MN

OFFICIATING  
Rev. Jill Steichen

MUSIC  
Josh Miller ~ Pianist

Congregational Hymns  
"Amazing Grace" #779  
"How Great Thou Art" #856  
"On Eagles Wings" #787

## CASKET BEARERS

Randy Peterson	Ronald Daren Brakke
Aiden Johnson	Garret Johnson
Acacia Lancaster	Tyler Lancaster
Angeleene Lancaster	Wyatt Akin

BURIAL  
Comstock Lutheran Cemetery,  
Comstock, MN

Arrangements by  
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