

Joseph Leonard Bauer

NOVEMBER 29, 1947 ~ AUGUST 8, 2019 (AGE 71)

Joseph Leonard Bauer was born November 29, 1947 to Leonard & Margaret (Frazier) Bauer in Oakes, ND. He passed away peacefully in his home August 8, 2019.

He grew up on a farmstead SW of Stirum, ND where he was raised by his mother and his uncle Theodore Bauer after his father's passing, Ted became a father to him and will always be remembered as such, the family later moved to Gwinner, ND. He attended school in both Stirum and Gwinner, ND and was a lifelong resident of Sargent County.

He married Kandyce Kupitz (Sandstrom) June 20th 1970 and they had one son together, Jason Bauer.

He married Phyllis McGuire in Wahpeton, ND July 25, 1987. He gained a son, Joey and daughter, Amy in the deal which he loved as his own. They made their home in Gwinner, ND.

Joe had a very strong passion for classic muscle cars, and was especially fond of 1966 Chevelle SS 396's which he had a couple of early in life. He was also an avid hunter who was so looking forward to this season as he had finally drawn a tag after 4 years of missing out. Joe was also fiercely sentimental with his most prized possession's being family photos and keepsakes.

Joe worked for Melroe Mfg. throughout its many different ownerships retiring in 2007 after 40 years of service. He enjoyed his retirement and spent as much time as possible helping others and taking care of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and various other "adopted" kids that had come through the Bauer Daycare, ran by his loving wife of 32 years Phyllis. (97 at last count)

Joe will always be remembered as a loving Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Brother and Husband. And also, as a loyal friend who would lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis of Gwinner, ND; his sons, Jason Bauer of Gwinner, ND; Joey (Nicole) McGuire, Rosholt, SD; daughter, Amy (Kyle) McGuire of Mandan, ND; sisters, Anna (Lavern) Bontjes and Jackie (Tom Kline) Babbitt of Wahpeton, ND; grandchildren, Andrew (Jessica), Taylor, Zander, Zoey, Sterling, Amber, Amelia, Cynthia, Chloe, and Matthew and 4 great-grandchildren Addy, Journey, River, and Elijah; numerous nieces and nephews, brother and sister-in-laws, and family that will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard, mother, Margaret, and adopted father, Ted, twin brothers who died at birth and his sister, Eva Nelson. Along with numerous aunts, uncles and beloved family who he held close to his heart.