



## Craig Klawitter

May 17, 1955 - October 31, 2015

Funeral services for Craig M. Klawitter of Wadena will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Rev. Nate Loer presiding. Friends may call at the Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Wednesday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. with a time of gathering and sharing at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at the church on Thursday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service. Craig passed away at the age of 60 years on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena with his family and caring hospital staff at his side.

Craig was born on Tuesday, May 17, 1955, in St. Paul, MN to Calvin Maurice and Jean Marie (Carlson) Klawitter. He was a member of St. Paul's Johnson High School class of 1973. He continued his education achieving a degree in Fishery & Wildlife Management. When jobs were not available for his original degree, Craig went back to school and graduated in the spring of 1978, from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of science degree in Education. He was hired by Bill Larson at a Corn and Chicken Feed, moved to Wadena and spent his entire career, over 37 years, teaching and coaching in the Wadena-Deer Creek School District. He was a Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) referee and a member of the MSHSL Softball Coaches Association.

Craig was united in marriage with Tammie Jo Brekke on October 15, 1987, at the Evangelical Free Church in Bemidji, MN. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. He loved fishing, hunting with fellow school teachers and spending time at Upper Cullen Resort. He also enjoyed sports, cooking, bird-watching, gardening, his coffee group and the color orange.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents Calvin and Jean. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Tammie Jo; sons Ryan (Elizabeth) of Duluth and Kevin of Wadena; and brothers Kent and Eric, both of St. Paul. He is also survived by uncles and aunts Eugene (Patricia) Klawitter of Champlin, MN and Kermit (Patricia) Carlson of Emmett, ID; mother-in-law Sharon (Richard) Bunker of Pequot Lakes, MN and father-in-law Eugene (Peggy) Brekke of Blackduck, MN; sisters-in-law Twyla (Alvin) Asp of Thief River Falls, MN and Toni (Dennis) Klein of Fargo, ND; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are the Wadena-Deer Creek School District Faculty and Staff. Pallbearers are Norm Gallant, Steve Brown, Denny Barry, Tyler Church, Beth Hawkins and Deb Nelson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Gathering of Family & Friends

NOV 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Visitation

NOV 5. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

NOV 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482



# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Craig Klawitter*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 03, 2015 at 04:23 PM

TK

*one year ago today you conquered your battle against cancer.....we love and miss you so much.....but feel you amongst us each and every day with the little signs you share..... You continue to touch people's lives and you will never be forgotten.....*

Tammie Klawitter - October 31, 2016 at 08:49 AM

 Kelly Klawitter

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Kelly Klawitter - April 06, 2020 at 02:02 PM

BL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Brittany Lynk - November 10, 2015 at 07:03 PM

TK

*I can't believe that a year ago you squeezed my hand, with our kids around us, and won your victory against cancer.....We miss you so much.....You have not been forgotten....I know that you continue to watch over us.....and for that, I continue to love you that much more!*

**Tammie Klawitter** - October 31, 2016 at 12:11 AM

NR

“ *Norman And Melanie Radermacher lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Norman and Melanie Radermacher** - November 06, 2015 at 10:26 PM

AD

“ *Audrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**audrey davis** - November 05, 2015 at 01:24 PM

JR

“ *Jim & Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Jim & Rocky Reese** - November 04, 2015 at 07:28 PM

TF

“ Tom & Kristy Bendlen And Family lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Tom & Kristy Bendlen and Family - November 04, 2015 at 05:56 PM

BU

“ Bruce & Joyce Uselman lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Bruce & Joyce Uselman - November 04, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JT

“ Jean Thielke lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Jean Thielke - November 04, 2015 at 02:40 PM

PM

“ We remember Craig's humor and beautiful voice. He will be missed. Peace be with you!



Phil and Christie Meier - November 04, 2015 at 11:27 AM

SL

“ Scott And Peggy Loween lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Scott and Peggy Loween - November 03, 2015 at 10:10 PM

MO

“ Mike Ortmann lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Mike Ortmann - November 03, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 03, 2015 at 04:07 PM

MD

“ Margaret Cooney Dukowitz lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Margaret Cooney Dukowitz - November 03, 2015 at 01:35 PM

MD

“ To all the fuzzies I have taken off a paper before handing it in. Your memories live on.



Margaret Cooney Dukowitz - November 03, 2015 at 01:30 PM

PO

“ Pam (Weis) Osmundson lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Pam (Weis) Osmundson - November 03, 2015 at 01:19 PM

SE

“ Sara Erickson lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Sara Erickson - November 03, 2015 at 01:01 PM

HT

“ *Heather Theisen lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



Heather Theisen - November 03, 2015 at 12:59 PM

AK

“ *Ashley Koning lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



Ashley Koning - November 03, 2015 at 11:45 AM

NP

“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



Nancy Peterson - November 03, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Klawitter.*



November 03, 2015 at 11:23 AM

CM

“ *Klaw was an awesome man and a great teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. We will miss you Klaw.*  
*Connie Mosher*

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**connie mosher** - November 03, 2015 at 11:04 AM

SB

“ *Scott & Kristie Barthel lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**Scott & Kristie Barthel** - November 03, 2015 at 10:45 AM

RH

“ *Roxy Havnes lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**Roxy Havnes** - November 03, 2015 at 10:29 AM

TF

“ *The Kellogg Family lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**The Kellogg Family** - November 03, 2015 at 10:13 AM

DP

“ *Dana Pavek lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Dana Pavek** - November 03, 2015 at 10:03 AM

DS

“ *Donna Sartell lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Donna Sartell** - November 03, 2015 at 09:08 AM

MF

“ *Mike And Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Mike and Marie Fraune** - November 03, 2015 at 08:38 AM

JA

“ *Jonell & Duane Asfeld lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Jonell & Duane Asfeld** - November 02, 2015 at 08:47 PM

AR

“ *Many fun memories of having Mr. Klawitter for a teacher but especially a softball coach. He was a great guy. Hoping you can always enjoy your many great memories of him. Prayers are being said for you.*

*Amy (Becker) Rowan*

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**Amy Rowan** - November 02, 2015 at 08:04 PM



JS

“ *Jill Stevens-Becker lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*

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**Jill Stevens-Becker** - November 02, 2015 at 05:29 PM



SL

“ *Sher Linnes lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*

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**Sher Linnes** - November 02, 2015 at 04:35 PM



AB

“ *Mr. Klawitter was an awesome teacher and he would always say hello to everyone in the hallways*

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**Alyssa Bertram** - November 02, 2015 at 04:00 PM

GK

“ Greg K lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



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**Greg K** - November 02, 2015 at 03:38 PM

MP

“ Flying chalk, ping pong balls, possibly an eraser... "Eat at Joe's"... Having his friend Denny run down the hallway past our classroom - these are just some of the ways Klaw made sure we would NEVER forget him or the lessons he taught. He taught us more than just science, he taught us what it meant to be a good, decent person. He cared for his students beyond the classroom. He knew each of us and what we enjoyed and how to best reach us when teaching. Personally, he touched my life in a way that made me decide to be a teacher - to attempt to be that person who students know care about them, not just about their grades. I wish we had chalk now a days in the classroom and I would throw a piece or two in honor of this great man. He will be greatly missed. He made the world a better place. My love and thoughts are with all the people he leaves behind to grieve. Tammie, Ryan, Kevin, Elizabeth - prayers to you as you go forward. My love to all.

Molly

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**Molly Peterson** - November 02, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Condolences to Klaw's family. He was a great teacher and an all around inspiring man!*



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**Karma Frutiger** - November 02, 2015 at 01:31 PM

JB

“ *Jennifer Brenneman lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**Jennifer Brenneman** - November 02, 2015 at 12:45 PM

LW

“ *Leslie (Lundquist) Werden lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**Leslie (Lundquist) Werden** - November 02, 2015 at 12:20 PM

TC

“ It was an absolute honor to work with Klaw for the past 7 years. You are the definition of an amazing teacher and more importantly an amazing man. You would never admit it but you touched the lives of more people than you can ever imagine. My heart breaks thinking I won't hear you say to me, "Hey Kid" again, but I will always be thankful for the time I got to spend with you. Tammie and boys, you will always be in our thoughts and prayers and will ALWAYS be a part of the WDC Family. Rest in Peace Klaw



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**Tyler Church** - November 02, 2015 at 11:08 AM

 Maggie Jacobson

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Craig Klawitter!! You will be missed!!  
Maggie "Pettit" Jacobson



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**Maggie Jacobson** - November 02, 2015 at 10:17 AM

SK

“ I remember him well from Science Class. ..I think 8th grade . He was a great teacher. Lots of people will have great memories of "Mr. Klawitter".  
May he rest in peace.



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**scott kern** - November 02, 2015 at 09:14 AM

DT

“ Sympathy and prayers to you and your family, Tammie.

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**Donna, Duane and Tracy Trana** - November 02, 2015 at 09:07 AM

EP

“ Craig and I worked many years as colleagues, beginning in the old Junior High building. For 2 years before and 4 years after my retirement we worked together as computer technicians for the school district. Craig was fun to work with, but the memory I will cherish the most will be the 10 years I helped him as assistant coach for the WDC softball team. My heart goes out to Tammie and family - may God give you the strength to carry on, and Craig, enjoy your new home!

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**Elroy Podratz** - November 02, 2015 at 09:05 AM

BK

“ Bob, Erica, Ben & Derek Keppers lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



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**Bob, Erica, Ben & Derek Keppers** - November 02, 2015 at 08:04 AM

KB

“ Kelly Bain lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



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**kelly bain** - November 02, 2015 at 07:51 AM

MT

“ *Missy Tabery lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**Missy Tabery** - November 02, 2015 at 07:48 AM

JB

“ *Jan Breuer lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**Jan Breuer** - November 02, 2015 at 07:15 AM

MF

“ *Mike And Sarah Collins Family lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



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**Mike and Sarah Collins Family** - November 02, 2015 at 05:26 AM

MN

“ *Praying for comfort and peace of mind for all of Craig's family! Marilyn & Luther*



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**Marilyn Nervig** - November 02, 2015 at 04:16 AM

PA

“ *Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**polly anderson** - November 02, 2015 at 01:23 AM

PA

*our hearts go out to you at this time of great loss love the Calvin /Polly Anderson family ( the kids always said what an awesome fun teacher he was*

**polly anderson** - November 02, 2015 at 01:25 AM

JS

“ *Josh Sweere lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Josh Sweere** - November 01, 2015 at 11:39 PM

AG

“ *Amy & Bryan Greenwaldt lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Amy & Bryan Greenwaldt** - November 01, 2015 at 09:37 PM

SS

“ Steve, Randi Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Steve, Randi Schmitz - November 01, 2015 at 09:36 PM

DM

“ Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Dale & Liz Miller - November 01, 2015 at 09:23 PM

SH

“ Sharon Heinen lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Sharon Heinen - November 01, 2015 at 09:13 PM

JG

“ John And Cheryl Greenwaldt lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



John and Cheryl Greenwaldt - November 01, 2015 at 09:05 PM

JT

“ *Jim And Vickie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Jim and Vickie Thompson** - November 01, 2015 at 08:06 PM

JJ

“ *Jay And Junelle Jackson lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Jay and Junelle Jackson** - November 01, 2015 at 07:51 PM

DW

“ *Doug And Debbie Wright lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Doug and Debbie Wright** - November 01, 2015 at 07:13 PM

AK

“ *Amy Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Amy Kleinke** - November 01, 2015 at 07:13 PM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Myron & Karen Winkelman** - November 01, 2015 at 06:24 PM

GH

“ *Gary, Carol, Joseph, Samantha Holweger lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Gary, Carol, Joseph, Samantha Holweger** - November 01, 2015 at 06:21 PM

DF

“ *Darrell Haman Family lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Darrell Haman Family** - November 01, 2015 at 05:57 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter*



**Rita Anderson** - November 01, 2015 at 05:50 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Mike and Lea Snyder - November 01, 2015 at 05:46 PM

CI

“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



cindy - November 01, 2015 at 05:20 PM

BM

“ Bruce And Penny McManigle sent a virtual gift in memory of Craig Klawitter



Bruce and Penny McManigle - November 01, 2015 at 04:44 PM

MC

“ Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Craig Klawitter



Marcy Collins - November 01, 2015 at 04:27 PM