



## David Rausch

November 9, 1963 - September 26, 2011

Funeral services for David John Rausch of rural Eagle Bend were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Parkers Prairie with Pastor Robert Deugan presiding. David passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Tri County Hospital in Wadena at the age of 47 years. David was born on November 9, 1963 to John and Erna (Haase) Rausch in the Browerville Hospital. He graduated from Bertha-Hewitt High School in 1982. He was united in marriage with Michele Benson at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha on September 21, 1985. Together they lived in Wadena for a year before purchasing and moving to the Rausch family farm in 1986. David worked at Homecrest Industries for 23 years and then returned to school for diesel mechanics at Central Lakes College in Staples. He worked at Standard Iron for two years and was currently employed at 3M in Alexandria as a Intermediate Processing Operator. He continued to operate his dairy farm in Bertha Township. He also enjoyed biking, bowling and tubing. He was a wonderful husband and father and will be dearly missed. David was preceded in death by his father John and brother-in-law Michael Benson. He is survived by his loving wife, Michele; sons Warren, Jeffrey and Caleb, all of Eagle Bend; mother Erna of Bertha; brother James (Rita) of Spokane, WA and sister Donna (Tim) Andreason of Boonsville, AR; nieces and nephews Erik, Richelle, Jonathon, Christine, Kaylin, James and Michael; and aunts and uncles Dorothy Johnson, Norm & Vi Rausch, Robert & Bev Rausch, Ervin Bergman, June Goff, Dennis & Judy

Kimber, Delbert & Caroline Haase, Mary Jane Haase and Jim & Mary Ann Studanski. He is also survived by Michele's family: parents Maynard and Marjorie Benson of Oylen; brother Mark Benson of Oylen; sisters Mardell (Larry) Benson of Staples, Marsha (George) Skon of Brookings, SD and Merissa (Scott) Aldrich of Cloquet; nieces and nephews Sterling, Laura, Magdalena, James, Vernon, Calvin and Adeline; as well as many wonderful friends, neighbors and co-workers. Pallbearers were Patrick Lindell, Linn Smith, Jason Johnson, Mike Bruemmer, Nathan Corder, Tim Radueg, Ed Fosness and Roger Boehland. Interment was in the Woodside Cemetery west of Wrightstown.

# Tribute Wall

CL

“Wow, what a shock to hear that Dave had passed away. I remember his big smile. I don't ever remember him in a bad mood. He was a very nice person. He lived down the road from us so we rode the same bus for much of our schooling. I've only seen him a couple times since graduation, but it made me feel good when I did see him. He will be missed!

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**Cindy Lanz** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“DAVE WAS GREAT GUY I ENJOYED HIM VERY MUCH HIS KINDNESS ,SENSE OF HUMOR. YOU COULD TELL HE WAS A GOOD FATHER AND HUSBAND AND A MAN OF FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS MAY GODS PEACE BE UPON HIS FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF MOURNING.GOD BLESS

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**scott schaeffer** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“So appreciative of the kind heart he showed so many during our time together as friends at BHS. Prayers and sympathy to the family.

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**Jon Smith** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Michelle and sons:  
We remember Dave's big smile and kind personality. We haven't seen you in awhile but have good memories of our boys and you guys having fun and doing projects together through homeschooling. Our deep sympathy to Michelle, Warren, Jeffrey, and Caleb at this hard time. Your dad/husband leaves behind some great teaching and memories for you all to hang onto. Love from all the Hetlands (Tyler and Kent will extend their sympathies, too, and will be praying for you, Warren and Jeff.)*

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**Terry and Jeanne Hetland** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *This is really hard for us to hear of your husband, David's passing! We will never understand God's ways, will we Michele. One is here today and not with us the next day. We will continue to have you in our minds and hearts in these days that you struggle to understand. May you feel the touch of the Master's hands. God Bless Your family. We will feel your hurt through Maynard and Margie. Great parents to you and great friends to Larry and Me.*

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**Diane and Larry Hahn** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Michele and family so sorry to hear of your great loss. You are in our prayers. May God give you peace and all that you need at this time.  
Jim and Vickie Thompson*

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**Jim and Vickie Thompson** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Michele  
*I know it's been years since I've seen you with Ruth but you have never been forgotten. I am so sorry to hear about David. You and the kids are in my thoughts and prayers. Lots of love and hugs!*

Rose

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**Rose Thunder** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.*

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**Rosie and Tom Grayson** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Michele and sons....how can I express how deeply sorry I am for your loss? Some things here on earth are not meant to be understood, I guess. Please know you are in my thoughts and I pray that the Lord gives you strength thru this, and may you put your trust fully on Him.*

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**Ruth Johnson** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Michele, Warren, Jeff and Caleb

*We are saddened immensely to hear of Bubba's sudden death. There are no words to express the grief we feel or our heartfelt love to you as you come to terms with Dave's sudden passing.*

*We shall keep you in our prayers that God will give you the strength to meet the challenges each day will present.*

*We know Dave is with the Lord now and we rejoice in that, but our hearts break with yours at the loss felt here on earth.*

*It is our prayer that the LORD will comfort you all.*

*Larry and Becky*

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**Larry and Rebecca Komppa** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I'm going to miss you so much. All those times on the farm. Riding on the tractor. All those fireworks... Everything. I love you so much. Rest in peace. God be with you.*

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**Christine** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Erna, so sorry!*

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**Julia Peery** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Michelle and family,

*We are praying for you in your time of loss. I(Rosi) am so sorry I couldn't make it to the funeral with Mike. May God's mercy and grace rain down from heaven on you as you face the days ahead. Praise God that our good-byes here on earth are only temporary as we know we will once again see our loved ones in glory!*

*Love,*

*Mike and Rosi Christensen*

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**Mike and Rosi Christensen** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *What a wonderful looking family. I wish the family all the support the Lord will give them in this time of sorrow. So young. I guess God needed him home. My thoughts and prayers will be with all the family. Especially his Mom and wife. I am very sorry for the loss of your brother, husband, Dad, and Son. I'll pray for strength for all of you.*

*Love,*

*Cindy. Eddie, Mom, and Chelsea*

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**CYNTHIA P POWER** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ *Michelle, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. this is so strange as we are way to young to be saying these things. He was to young also. I lost my husband almost 6 yrs ago too so I know how hard this is for you. Would be so nice to talk to you. please call. I will never forget staying over at your place and what an awesome drawer you were. sendin g prayers for you and your family.*

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**Wendy Kreklau** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM