



## Gary Bramer

November 23, 1954 - August 30, 2008

Gary Alan Bramer was born on November 23, 1954 to Clarence and Florence (Bloom) Bramer at Wesley Hospital in Wadena. He passed away from cancer, at the age of 53, on August 30th at his home in rural Verndale. Gary graduated from Verndale High School in 1973. He attended Moorhead State University graduating in 1978 with a BA in Business Administration. During those summer months of college he worked for Burlington Northern Railroad. Gary was united in marriage to Sharon Stave in 1981. He later was united in marriage to Denise Tomte on June 14, 1996. He will be remembered as one who loved the Lord, one of the owners of Verndale Custom Homes, a Boy Scout Scoutmaster for many years, Verndale Lions Club member, Verndale Boosters and Jaycees member, as well as a member of the Friday Night Lights committee and Awana Leader. Gary enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, reading, traveling and sports (especially Vikings games at Sly's). Gary was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Wayne. He is survived by his wife, Denise, sons Christopher of St. Cloud, Eric of Albertville, Andrew of Fosston; daughters Melissa of Fargo and Stephanie of Verndale; brothers Ellis (Bev) of Verndale, Phil of Watertown, SD; sisters Lelia (Martin) Schwartz of Owatonna and Sheryl (Scott) Araskog of Maple Grove. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, his church family at the Verndale Christian & Missionary Alliance Church and a host of friends. Funeral services will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 11:00 AM in the Verndale Christian & Missionary Alliance Church with Pastor Bill Ness

officiating. Pallbearers will be Les Breitling, Gary Bounds, Tim Sly, Brad Stinar, Wayne Stave & Vince Hinojos. Burial will take place in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *To Sheryl and her family:  
My thoughts and special prayers are with you as you cope with losing your brother. I hope that your memories will help soothe the pain of saying goodbye.*

---

**Linda Shellito** - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Sheryl and Family  
I am so sad to hear of your brother's death. I know he is in a better place and is free from his pain. You and all of your family are in my prayers as you work through this very difficult time.  
Mary Ronnebaum*

---

**Mary Ronnebaum** - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Bramer family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very sad and difficult time. We always enjoyed Gary and spending time with him at all the sporting events and scouts as all of our boys were growing up. We know you all have very special memories of him and hold those close to your heart and he will never be far away. He will be missed very much.  
Jim and Janell*

---

**Jim & Janell Carr** - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Dear Denise and family,

*It was always a joy to see Gary's bright smile at church and to receive his warm welcoming handshake. I'm so glad we can know he is with the Lord now and that he'll be there to welcome us warmly to heaven when it's our time to go home.*

*May the Lord comfort you and carry you in His loving arms as He did us when my precious wife, Cynthia, passed on. Throughout your grief may He strengthen you and give you hope and a vision for the future. You can continue to live a full, meaningful life because He lives.*

---

**Fred Cox** - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. May you find peace knowing you will meet again someday. Gary is now in peace & free of all the pain.

---

**Pat & Darrell Wilson** - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Gary was such an influence in our lives, especially our son, Daniel. David and I loved working with Gary in Scouts and attending Scout Camp.

*We loved Gary and will miss him very much. Words cannot express the sorrow I feel and how much I dread having to tell Daniel about Gary's homegoing. Verndale has truly lost a good man and we have lost a wonderful friend.*

*My prayers are with Denise and all the kids.*

---

**David, Nan and Carolyn Stilwell** - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM