



Cody Lahr

March 23, 1988 - September 16, 2008

Cody Wayne Lahr was born March 23, 1988 in Cedar Rapids, IA, the son of Wayne and Jennifer (Cline) Lahr. As a child, he moved with his family to ND and lived in the Fingal and Tower City areas. He graduated from Maple Valley High School in 2007 and was currently attending Moorhead Technical College.

Throughout high school, he worked at Valley Meat in Valley City. This past summer he worked for Master's Construction in Fargo, ND. Cody was currently employed at the Good Samaritan Society in Fargo. He loved working with the elderly.

On November 30, 2006, Cody enlisted in the ND National Guard. He was a member of Detachment 2 of the 815 Engineering Company. He completed his basic training on October 27, 2007. SPC Lahr received the ND Basic Training Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

Cody was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Valley City. His pastimes included hunting, bow hunting, fishing, and just being outdoors. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his mother, Jennifer (John) Kohler of Valley City; father, Wayne Lahr of Enderlin, ND; Jon Lahr of Valley City; sister, Ashley Lahr of Valley City; step-sister, Brook Kohler of Valley City; grandparents, June Cline of Browerville, MN, Pete and Hedy Lahr of Cushing, MN, and Ken and Norma Jean Kohler of Valley City; a special friend, Lindsey Berge of Fargo; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Walter Cline.

~Cody's Testimony~

When I first met Cody in FYE class, the very first thing I noticed was the fact that he had the ability to make everybody smile and laugh. He had such a passion and love for all of his family and friends. Little did I know that Cody was in search of so much more. We were assigned a project to introduce ourselves, and I went up and shared my faith in the Lord, because He is my life. I went up to present myself in hopes to touch some people's lives, and show God to them in any way that I possibly could. This was the first day that Cody and I spoke. It turned out that God was calling out to Cody through the faith in God that I had shared.

As I began to get to know him, it was almost like I could see to the very heart of him; Cody

was searching for so much more out of life. We began to talk till about 4 in the morning and he shared with me about his life without shame. He explained to me about his past and the decisions he made, and about how he wanted to change his life around. He wanted a special touch from the Lord. He began to come to every church event that I attended which included Chi Alpha, Church on Sunday mornings at Bethel, and Prism for college students at Bethel. Out of all of these, Prism was what Cody got most excited about. Sundays would come around and he would have such a joy on his face and he'd say "We get to go to Prism tonight!! Don't forget your Bible!" He would always talk about how much he wanted his brother and sisters to come to Prism along with him.

Cody first started coming to these Church events not really knowing what to expect. He would just sit there and soak everything in. As time passed, he began to feel God's Holy Spirit tugging at his heart. Cody surrendered his life to the Lord, and accepted the Lord into his heart about 5 months ago. I began to see a whole different spark in his eye, and his happiness then turned into a constant Joy that overflowed. Cody began to run after God's will for his life with all of his heart. He knew that God had a specific purpose for him alone. He started reading the Bible every day, and would call me with such excitement about what he had read. He told me that God was speaking into his life. Cody's life was completely turned around, and his Faith became his own.

More recently God laid on his heart that he should start serving in any way possible. He felt like God was leading him to help out in the junior high youth group as a leader. He also wanted to help with an organization called ELL (English Language Learning), which was an organization to help foreign kids around the Fargo area to understand the English language a little better, and help tutor them while they were in school.

Cody's willingness to help serve the Lord is a testimony in itself even now when he is gone.

One of the very first things that Cody had said to me was that he believed that God sent me into his life for a reason; he just didn't understand what it was. I know now the reason why. I see that these last few months of Cody's life God yearned for Cody to know Him. I am so thankful that God would use me in his life, and that He would bless me with such a wonderful best friend.

Cody has left a legacy for all of us to see, and I know his hope for all of us would be to know and experience the love of Christ that he lived out.

~Lindsey Berg

Events

SEP 19 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 05:00PM

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S., Valley City, ND, US

SEP 20 **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

St. Catherine Catholic Church
540 3rd Ave. NE, Valley City, ND, US

SEP 20 **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ We just learned of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve and Karen Adamek - October 05, 2008 at 07:34 PM



“ Jennifer, I am so glad to see Codys' testimony added. It wasn't there the first time I visited the site or the video. So Thank you for adding it. What a relief to know that you will see him again! It really helps the pain, to know that he accepted Jesus into his heart and now has eternal life in heaven. So glad he chose life in his personal relationship with the Lord. Thanks for adding it!
We love you

Larry & Kelly Adamek - September 25, 2008 at 01:16 AM



“ John and Jennifer and family, I wish we could take your pain away but we can't. Only time and God can do that. Just know that we are greiving with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Please don't hesitate to call if their is anything we can do for you. We love you guys. Erv and Lerrene

Erv Kroh - September 24, 2008 at 09:24 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for the family and friends of Cody. After reading the emails, and seeing the video, Cody seemed like a great kid, brother, son and all a round person. God Bless his soul for being that kind of wonderful person. Let us all remember to LIVE! Cody, you will be missed.

Sandy - September 22, 2008 at 05:10 PM



“ I'm one of the nurses that worked with Cody, Lindsey, and Heather at the Good Samaritan Society in Fargo. I'm so sorry that I didn't get to know Cody for a longer period of time. He was so much fun and his love for Jesus was evident. He wasn't afraid to tell you about God and that's one of the things I liked best about him. Working with other Christians is awesome. Our staff and residents will be praying to the Lord for comfort for Cody's family and for Lindsey. He was so good with our residents and we will all miss him.

Susan Schoenheit - September 22, 2008 at 04:47 PM



“ We continue to pray for your family and friends during this time of such a great loss.

Roger and Lynn Watland - September 22, 2008 at 12:03 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Jennifer and family. I can't imagine the grief that you must feel, but as I read Cody's testimony I know that you will be comforted by the fact that Cody is with Jesus now. I pray that you and your family will look forward to the day when you will see him again in heaven.

Debbie Stenzel & family - September 22, 2008 at 10:21 AM



“ Dear Jennifer and Family,
It has been years since we have seen you. I think the last time was at your sister, Patty's, for one of her children's graduation party.
We just want you to know that we are so sorry for all of your family, having to deal with the death of your son, Cody. As parents of 2 son's, and grandparents of 4 grandchildren, we know the unconditional love, that we all have for our kids. We cannot imagine the grief that all of you are going through, in losing your son, Cody. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.
With Much Love and Deepest Sympathy,
Jerry and Sheila Rutten

Jerry and Sheila (Surney) Rutten - September 21, 2008 at 09:07 PM



“ How do you express in words the deep loss in losing our precious Cody. I grew to love him so much like he was my own son. He had such a wonderful kind spirit. Always smiling and loving life to the fullest. He had a kind heart and a passion for life. He was hard working and loved everyone around him. He said to Lindsey that he knew there was something special about her, he knew it right when he met her. He told her he felt like there was always something always missing in his life. He didn't know what it was...He loved everything about Lindsey, and what she stood for in life. He realized Lindsey had just what he was looking for. She had Christ in her life. When Lindsey started dating Cody, They met in school. They were in the same class. I have never seen her so happy and full of life ever before. They started to go to church together, Bible studies, and activities. Cody met so many of Lindsey's friends and made new friends in church. They all just loved him right away. He was so at peace with life and excited to be involved with everything in the church. He knew that this is what he was missing in his life. it was God and a real relationship with him. He eventually gave his life to the lord and wanted to serve him. He wanted to know the Lord with all his heart, learn his word, and live for him. He and Lindsey grew so close. They loved each other so much. They loved the same all things in life, and enjoyed each others company in every way. They had true happiness. They loved the country, Hunting, and riding horse, four wheeling, just everything they were so much a like. Everything they did, they made wonderful memories, and had a love for each other that some people never find in a life time. I just want to say how deeply sorry I am to Jen, John and the family for their loss of Cody. I will pray for you all. We lost Cody, but we still have his memory, and all the lives he touched. I hope to still keep in touch and have you in our lives as part of our family. God Bless You,

Tammie Berg

Tammie Berg - September 21, 2008 at 07:34 PM



“ Cody, you were a really good friend. I will never forget you!

Alan Patterson - September 21, 2008 at 06:28 PM



“ May he Rest In Peace. I did not know him well but with the very little time spent with him... I can tell he was a great guy.

Mitch Highman - September 21, 2008 at 03:22 PM



“ My deepest deepest condolences go out to John, Jon, Jennifer, Ashley, Brooke, and the entire family. Through the love and memories you shared and the support of a great family with strong bonds may you find peace.

Andrea Hochhalter - September 21, 2008 at 11:13 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Cody's family and friends. Just when you think they are safe, they are taken from you. May God grant you peace.

Cody was a Hero! God Bless.

Don Rasmuson - September 20, 2008 at 10:45 PM



“ All my hopes and prayers go to your family and he will be missed

josh sarith - September 20, 2008 at 09:41 PM



“ Cody was honestly one of the best guys I had ever met. His ability to make everyone smile and laugh was so evident. And whoever posted the words that Cody had a smile that would "melt any girls heart" Well that is very true. He did melt my heart and did such an amazing job at loving me as his girlfriend.

Him and I had 6 months together. And during this time of my life he brought such a joy. Anyone who knew Cody was instantly blessed.

Cody had different sides to him that I did get to know over time. Cody had his times where he wanted to be all over the place crazy! And there were times you'd look at Cody and he'd be out there sharing his kind heart, other times Cody would be silent..and this was his serious side. Most of the time I would ask him what was on his mind...But I could just see the thoughts swarming in his mind.

Cody had big dreams, and always thought of new things every day. He wanted to invent things, try crazy things, and follow hard after our amazing God!

Though it is hard not to cry at the same time I am just so thankful to of known Cody. He was the love of my heart here on earth. He will be so missed, but I know as soon as I get to heaven he will run towards me (and you) and say "Took ya long enough!!"

So embrace your tears and don't hold back. Laugh about memories that were spent with Cody. Smile for the amazing changes he is making in peoples lives...and keep going.

For everyone who knew Cody I lift your hearts up to God for healing..

For Codys family--i have grown to love you ALL so much. In part of getting to know Cody I met all of you. Such an amazing family that God has blessed me to know. Jen, Big John, Little Jon, Ashley..I hope you know that I would do anything for you. I always told Cody that I would do anything for him even if it meant laying my life down for him.

And I want for you guys to also know that I'd do the same for you.

I thank you so much for your amazing hearts and raising such an incredible, inspirational man. He is changing lives. You should be so proud.

I love you-

Lindsey Berg

Lindsey Berg - September 20, 2008 at 08:45 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Cody's family and friends. I am so very sorry for your difficult loss. God bless.

-Brianna Ulven-
Hawley, MN

Brianna Ulven - September 20, 2008 at 07:26 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Cody's family and friends. I met him at Basic training. He kept me laughing. He is someone to be proud of and someone I still keep in mind each day with my soldiers. I know first hand how much his family means to him.

Scott Marshall - September 20, 2008 at 06:44 PM



“ I went to Fingal Elementary with Cody, sharing 3 classes with him while I was there. He was a funny guy and loved to joke around. I wish I had the chance to know him longer.

Jacob Kreilkamp - September 20, 2008 at 01:08 PM



“ John
I was saddened with this news of Cody.
I did know him personally, but I knew him through you. It brings me back to the time that you and I drove to Weber's house back in 1977 for John Paul. You were a always a friend and best friend in times of need. Don't ever lose that.
jon kreilkamp

jon kreilkamp - September 20, 2008 at 01:02 PM



“ We were so very saddened to hear about your beloved son Cody Wayne.. Our nephews Dustin and Cody always speak highly of the Lahr and Kohler families.. and what wonderful friends you all have been throughout the years.. We know they consider you all family.. May it be a great comfort KNOWING that Cody loved the Lord and will live forever in heaven even as his memory lives in so many hearts forever.. We will continue to hold you close in our prayers.. May the healing gift of time give your family treasured memories of Cody to fill the lonely places in your hearts.. Our Deepest Sympathy to ALL of you.. Gary, Connie, Brady & Kristin and Megan Retterath/Valley City

Gary and Connie Retterath - September 20, 2008 at 11:22 AM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of your son cody. It sounds like he left an amazing legacy in the way he was able to express love and encouragement to others. On March 23,2006 we lost our 17 yeat old son in a car accident and like you we are so thankful to know that without a doubt that our young men are in Heaven with Jesus. I would encourage you to read the book "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn. This book realy helped us to know what our son Jon was up to now that he is living in heaven. May the Lord Bless you every day with His peace and with His Joy.

Mike Bonnema - September 20, 2008 at 10:55 AM



“ "every good and perfect gift is from above" James 1:17 Cody was certainly a gift from God. He will be missed terribly on this earth but when we see him again there will be great rejoicing! My thoughts and prayers are with you Ashley, Jon, Jen, John, & Wayne.

Dolores Manson - September 20, 2008 at 09:59 AM



“ John, Jennifer, Jon and Ashley - I cannot even begin to imagine the sorrow of losing a son. What an amazing young man Cody had become in his short 20 years, Cherish the memories and know that you are in our prayers.

Terry and Cheryl Johnson - September 20, 2008 at 09:53 AM



“ I haven't seen Cody since I was about 7 when his mom (Jennifer) married John I attended the wedding. My mom (Darla Hoemberg) knows Jennifer. I appreciate Lindsey Berge effort in guiding Cody to the Lord. She has done great thing. I pray for the family and friends of Cody in there struggles. Cody God has accepted you into his Kingdom and loves you.

Tyler John Hoemberg - September 20, 2008 at 05:18 AM



“ To Cody's Family, We knew Cody as a friend of our grandchildren Lindsay , Kelsey and Adam. He was a fine young man. Our prayers are with you at this time. ,

Dale and Millie Sauer - September 20, 2008 at 12:43 AM



“ Dear Cody's Family:
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'll never forget Cody, he was a day older than me, March 23 will never be the same. But I'll never forget how he could make anyone smile and laugh. He was truly an amazing person who left us all to soon and will be deeply missed.
We will see him again, but until then he is watching over us!
Take Care, my deepest sympathies.
Laura

Laura Storhoff - September 19, 2008 at 10:59 PM



“ Cody's Family-
You are in my families thoughts and prayers. My mom and I will not be able to attend the prayer service or funeral, but hopefully my dad's voice and presence will help with the mourning. Cody will be missed very much and may he rest in peace.

God Bless,
Greg, Kathy, and Nicole Adamietz

Nicole Adamietz - September 19, 2008 at 10:09 PM



“ I am praying for you and your entire family. I am so sorry! I love you guys so much. Remember you are all in my prayers and thoughts constantly!!!! My heart goes out to all of you!!!!

Love,

Jenny Callahan

Jenny Callahan - September 19, 2008 at 05:57 PM



“ I coached with Kelly Utt when Cody was an eight grader. We had an excellent team and Cody was very instrumental in the success of the team. I remember him as being full of energy and excitement. I'm sure he touched a lot of lives in a very positive way. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.

Terry Buringrud - September 19, 2008 at 05:54 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Cody passing away. Cody was an amazing person. He was the type of guy to always make you smile and give you a good laugh. P.E. my Jr. year was amazing because of him being in there I don't think there was a day that went by that I never laughed. I know he is up there watching over all of us. I'm sorry I can't make it to the funeral. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lauren

Lauren Terveen - September 19, 2008 at 05:36 PM



“ My heart goes out to all of you. My best friend lost her son at the age of 17 a year ago and watching & experiencing the loss of a child is heartbreaking. It is comforting to know his faith is strong. Let that be an assurance for you today & always... as Cody is watching over you and smiling and that someday you will be together again. Let God carry all of you through this very, very difficult time. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Gary & Diane Sommerfeld & family

Diane Sommerfeld - September 19, 2008 at 05:30 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Cody during this time. May God rest his soul.

Randy Lindborg - September 19, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ Sounds like Cody was a remarkable young man! The thoughts and prayers of the ND Patriot Guard are with you all during this incredibly difficult time. May God bring peace and healing to your hearts.

Tarra Hartl - September 19, 2008 at 04:30 PM



“ Lindsey,

I remember when you first told me of a new man in your life. I never had the honor of meeting Cody, but knowing how eager and thankful you were to have him in your life, I know with all my heart that describing him as "an amazing young man" does not do justice. There are no words to describe your loss, but our God is the God of comfort and of ALL understanding. He knows your heart from the inside out. I pray that you cling to His faithfulness and promises more than ever before. I pray that you and his family find rest... and hope. I can only imagine the paradise Cody is in, kneeling before the feet of Jesus in all His perfection, free from this world of hurt and pain... something you and I have always longed to do. I long for the day when I will be introduced to Cody...standing before our Saviour. Until that day comes, I will continue to pray for Cody's family... and I will continue to pray for you, as I always have, but even more earnestly now. I love you Lindsey, and I'm comforted to know that you and Cody's family are in the hands of our Creator, Saviour, King, Comfortor, and Provider of ALL our needs...spiritually AND emotionally.

Jill Staloch - September 19, 2008 at 03:53 PM



“ John, Jennifer, Ashley and Jon,
Words are so hard at a time like this. Through my work, I find it sometimes easier to express my feelings, but it is still so hard. You are all in our thoughts and prayers today and the days to come.
With our love and friendship,
Deb and Jory White

Deb and Jory White - September 19, 2008 at 03:17 PM



“ The Lahr Family: Your all deeply in our prayers. It makes me cry knowing that we only meet him a few times when he came over to our house. We wish we knew him more. He was such a wonderful and caring young man * Always had a joke or something funny to say. What a hoot!*! Everyone always asks, "Why this have happened to us?", no one knows but God, and Cody is special in everyone's hearts. You were loved by many. We're sorry this had to happen to you - way to young! We mourn for your family. Take care-watch over us & know that everyone loves you dearly* ! * R.I.P. - you will be missed!

Sasha Rahlf & Tom Newman - September 19, 2008 at 02:57 PM



“ Cody, words cannot express how you have effected people's lives. I still remember us little kids all running around at school when we were little. I can't believe this has happened. You will always be in my heart and in my mind. I love you buddy, always and forever.

Kaytlyn Hansen - September 19, 2008 at 02:48 PM



“ John,Jennifer,Jon,Ashley&Brooke, Words can'teven express the pain and sorrow I feel for you and your family right now.I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Cody.My love, thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you.GOD BLESS and STAY STRONG. Al and Lu

lindaanderson - September 19, 2008 at 02:22 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Please let us know if we can ever do anything to help.

Kristene Langer - September 19, 2008 at 01:53 PM



“ Although there are no words to comfort you and your loss I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers! I have heard so many wonderful stories about Cody. He was such an amazing person and touched the lives of so many people. May God be with you and bring you peace through this difficult time! May the love of Cody be with you and in your hearts forever!

Megan Retterath - September 19, 2008 at 01:20 PM



“ Dear Family of Cody Lahr,

I have been reading through the tributes to your beloved Cody. I knew he was a friend of my nephew, Adam K. The Life of the Lord seems to present in his photo, and in all the messages that describe an uncommon young man...one that we only wish was more common.

May the God of all comfort be with you in this heartbreaking time. One day you will be reunited, eternally, with your beloved, and once again laugh with him, be warmed by his smile, gentled by his caring, and celebrate Life forever, just as he is doing, right now.

Blessing you,
Jan Christie

Jan Geisler Christie - September 19, 2008 at 01:14 PM



“ Wayne, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Have faith, it will help get you through this difficult time.

Chuck & Sherri Mortenson - September 19, 2008 at 12:57 PM



“ Dear Family of Cody,
I came to know Cody through my daughter Lindsey, and in that time I came to know a man that had such a kind and gentle heart. Here was a man that loved the outdoors, was not afraid of hard work and was a courageous man in that He was willing to serve His country by being in the national guard. Here was a man that could run construction equipment and work hard, but could also be a gentle man in working with the elderly at the Good Samaritan home. This really amazed me to see such a well rounded and down to earth man at his young age. Cody was truly a wonderful young man whom I was lucky to know for a short time. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family of Cody. He will be forever missed and loved!
Lindsey Berg's Father
Jon Berg

Jon Berg - September 19, 2008 at 12:37 PM



“ Jennifer, Jon, Ashley, Lil Jon, and family, We are so sorry for your loss and have been thinking of you constantly since hearing about Cody's accident. He was truly loved and what a legacy he has left, with only being her for the short time he was. He was charming, kind, funny, and no one could resist loving him. I know he was a good friend to a lot of people, including my brothers, and will forever be remembered in their hearts. Our deepest sympathy is extended to you all during this difficult time. I know that Cody is visiting with my mom and having a few laughs. Take care and lean on each other. Angie, Kyle Zerface & family

Angie & Kyle Zerface & Kids - September 19, 2008 at 12:01 PM



“ To Cody's family - please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Cody was a good friend to my son, Daniel Wieland, and for that I am grateful. Cody was always so friendly and fun to be around and was just a great kid!

Beth Didier - September 19, 2008 at 11:43 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. These type of things are the hardest to go through in life, but just remember he is in a much better place now. Cody is looking down on you with a big smile on his face. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Alicia Ward.

Alicia Ward - September 19, 2008 at 11:28 AM



“ I considered Cody to be my best friend, although he was the kind of person that alot of people would be quick to claim such a title. Cody and I were able to tell eachother that we loved eachother, and that we were brothers. Cody changed my life for the better as he did with many people, the friendship we had will never be replaced, But cody always liked to tell me when I was having a hard time "Just look up Jon". So i'll look up now and keep faith, only now when I look up he'll be Looking right back down on all of us. Jon Jennifer Jon Ashley and Wayne...You'll always be like family so i'll be in touch and i'll be praying for you all.

Jon VanBruggen - September 19, 2008 at 11:02 AM



“ Hey Cody - You were defiantly one individual I will never forget that I met through the Guards. You loved everything you were a part of and we will truly miss you.

Jarrod Simek 2LT - September 19, 2008 at 10:23 AM



“ To the family and friends of SPC Cody Lahr:

I am truly sorry to hear about your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting Cody this last summer on a trip to Minnesota. He was a great person and a great soldier. He served with Det 2 and I served with Det 1 of the 815th Engineer Company. We will all miss him greatly.

SPC Thomas M. Lawler - September 19, 2008 at 10:05 AM



“ John, Jen & Family,
Even though we did not know Cody personally, we feel your pain, sadness and great loss. No parent should lose a child. Please know that our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you, and that he is now in Heaven with his Grandfather. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!
Randy & Pam

Pam & Randy Miller - September 19, 2008 at 08:31 AM



“ All the Family of Cody... Cody will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was such an upbeat guy who seemed to just really love and live life to the fullest. God works in mysterious ways, but he does have a plan. Have Faith in the lord, and remember that he is always there for you, as are your friends and family. Cody's your Angel, and he will always be watching over you. God Bless You! Justin & Caitlin Killoran

Justin & Caitlin Killoran - September 19, 2008 at 12:36 AM



“ Jen, John, Ashley, and Jon,
As I read all the wonderful things said about Cody, I can see that his true personality shone through in all that he did since graduating from MV. Your family has been on my mind since hearing of the accident last night on the news. Keep all the memories close to your hearts as you try to get through the difficult days ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tricia Lebahn - September 18, 2008 at 11:39 PM



“ Lahr and Kohler Family: Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Knowing that you have lost a son, brother, and friend is the worst feeling, but know that there are lots of people praying and thinking about you and your family. Take Care and God Bless

Laura Jorissen and Nate Lutkemeier - September 18, 2008 at 11:34 PM



“ I didnt know Cody that much, but he was a great guy and kept everyone smiling. My sympathy goes out to all of Cody's family and friends, he will never be forgotten.

ashley klein - September 18, 2008 at 11:17 PM



“ sorry to see you go mann we will all miss you. i enjoyed class together in votech. i will keep you in my prayers. sorry i wont be able to make it to the funeral

cole mindt - September 18, 2008 at 10:14 PM



“ John,Jennifer, and family-Our hearts are heavy and saddened with the news of your son's accident and death. Even though we did not know Cody we want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you at this most difficult time. We cannot even begin to imagine the pain and saddness you are feeling. May you find comfort in the kind words and memories shared by those who did know him and in the memories you all share as you gather together to honor his life. Sandy & Jeff Grise

Sandy and Jeff Grise - September 18, 2008 at 10:08 PM



“ Wow..... When this kind of thing happens there are just no words that can help. We are so very sad and sorry for your loss. Lord we pray for your comfort to surround them completely and protect all of them completely. We call on you Holy Spirit our comfortor, In Jesus name.

We love you and are hearts hurt for you.

Love Larry and Kelly Adamek

Larry & Kelly Adamek - September 18, 2008 at 09:53 PM



“ Cdy you will be greatly missed! It was an awesome experiance knowing you and won't forget you.

Dan Fltzner - September 18, 2008 at 09:51 PM



“ Dear Jennifer, John, and Family
Words can't express how deeply sorry we are about Cody's passing. Everyone around you continues on day by day, and your dealing with the greatest pain a parent, brother, sister, and family could ever endure. We just want you to know we are thinking and praying for strength, peace, and comfort in the days and months ahead. It does take time to heal, allow yourself's to find peace in our Heavenly Father who is our comforter. He will carry you through this difficult time.
We love you all!
The Lunn's

Pam, James, Dylan, Jordan, Jennifer Lunn - September 18, 2008 at 09:32 PM



“ Dear family of Cody... My mom is a resident of the Good Samaritan Society where Cody worked. My son and I just met Cody last Saturday, Sept. 13th, he came to my Mom's apartment to help her with her dishwasher. He was so very pleasant and when he was done, he gave my Mom and big smile and said, "Are you going to be there for supper, Thelma?" My mom said yes, she would be there, and then Cody said, "Well, if you're not I'm going to come and look for you." He then smiled directly at my Mom again and left. He treated her with respect and dignity. She then told me that Cody is such a nice young man and he calls everyone by their names and really cares about the residents. We are so sorry for your loss, I only met you son once, last week, by what a great impression he left on me and my Mom. God's blessing's be with you.

Donegan family - Harwood, ND - September 18, 2008 at 09:29 PM



“ Jen,John, Jon,Ashey and Brooke: Our hearts and prayers are with you all. He will be greatly missed by many people. God Bless you all, Curt and Terri

Curt & Terri Stevens - September 18, 2008 at 08:56 PM



“ Im going to miss you cody!!! To cody's family i wish you the best of luck.

Ashley Anderson - September 18, 2008 at 08:31 PM



“ God bless you Battle Buddy..... You served your country well. Brave men like you keep the weak moving..

Bob Gipson - September 18, 2008 at 08:26 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. It's hard to believe that he is in a better place because he is not here with your family. A mother's worst fear...losing a child. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Travis & Darcie Besette

Travis & Darcie Besette - September 18, 2008 at 08:18 PM



“ To the Lahr and Kohler families; Cody will be dearly missed. He was a great guy that could make anyone smile or laugh at any given moment. Know now that you have the best angel watching over you at all time. You are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow.

Jeana and John

Jeana Killoran and John Marshall - September 18, 2008 at 07:51 PM



“ To the family of Cody:
My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time...may you find joyous smiles in all your wonderful memories of Cody.

Jessica Keller - September 18, 2008 at 07:24 PM



“ miss ya amn see you on the other side

Dustin Suhr - September 18, 2008 at 07:24 PM



“ To Cody's family and friends: I only knew Cody for a short time through the Good Samaritan Society and I feel blessed to have known him. I have never met anyone that could sit through Med Aide Training for three days and keep a smile on his face! Cody made our residents smile and laugh, he was a positive addition to our staff, and he went above and beyond our expectations as a universal worker. One thing I know for sure is that we will always have a smiling guardian angel watching over our staff and residents each and every day at the Good Sam. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless, Jenny McShane

Jenny McShane - September 18, 2008 at 07:12 PM



“ Was such a kind hearted man. Loved by everyone and will be missed by everyone. I'm sure he is very proud of all these people coming together in this time of need. I will miss you cody. R.I.P.

megan marcks - September 18, 2008 at 06:51 PM



“ you were a great guy and friend

Luther Brown - September 18, 2008 at 06:22 PM



“ Jennifer and family -- My heart aches for your family for the loss of Cody. Words cannot express the sadness that I have for your family. I didn't know Cody real well, but I remember the grin on his face when he would come see us for his allergy shots. He had such a beautiful smile. We would razz him a little when he would come in. Many prayers to your family. Wrap your arms around yourself and that's a BIG hug from me.

Kim Sabby - September 18, 2008 at 06:13 PM



“ Jennifer, John & family,

To say our sympathy is with you seems so lame at a time like this. However, our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Hopefully the days coming will make the blow more bearable so that you will be able to go outside and feel Cody's beautiful smile wrap around you in love.

God bless,

LorRaine & Hjalmer Anderson

Hjalmer & LorRaine Anderson - September 18, 2008 at 06:01 PM



“ My sympathy goes out to all of Cody's family and friends. He will never be forgotten.

Josh Quick - September 18, 2008 at 05:55 PM



“ To the Family of Cody - I am sorry I did not have an opportunity to meet/know this young soldier. From what I have read in the guestbook he was really a great young man. I am so sorry for your loss. While serving in Iraq in 2004 I too, lost a young soldier. A 20 year old young man, full of life and a joy to everyone he met. I do not know our good Lord's reasons for taking these young men home, but eagerly await the opportunity to be with these men again. Thank you for Cody, and his service to ND and the Guard Family. May God Bless and keep you and provide you with the blessings of His presence in this time. MAJ Grant Wilz

Grant Wilz - September 18, 2008 at 05:54 PM



“ Ashley & family. As I sit at the computer and try to take this in my heart feels the pain you must be going through. I did not know your brother, but I got to know about him through the eyes of my daughter meghan who is a best friend to Ashley. Tears just filled my eyes when Meghan brought this news to me, its a feeling you never wish a mother to go through and what you must be going through Jen I cannot imagine. The only comfort I can offer and its not much is he is in a better place and according to "God" it was his time. Words that are not comforting but know my heart goes out to you, Ashley for the lost of a brother, Jen and family. My deepest sympathy

lana, meghan cole - September 18, 2008 at 05:36 PM



“ Dear Lahr Family:
I have never met you, but I understand the pain of losing a son. My son, SGT Jason Schumann, was killed 19 May 2007 while serving in Iraq.
Cody sounds so much like my son: full of life, and passion. I can imagine what a joy it was to be around him.
My heart goes out to you.
Sincerest Blessings,
Candie Glisson

Candie Glisson - September 18, 2008 at 05:30 PM



“ To Cody's family, I am in shock. My son informed me about Cody late Tuesday night and I told him there was no way that could be true. There have been many tears shed. There are no words of comfort during a time like this. I got to know Cody in 2005 when I started working at the vo-tech center in the office. We have so many kids go through here , but there was something special about Cody. He would stop by the office on his way to class and say Hi just about every morning. He had that amazing smile. My kids also knew him and he would sometimes stop by our house on his way home just to say Hi and see how things were going. Cody enjoyed life to the fullest. I am so sorry for your loss. I hope time can heal your pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.
Michelle, Bill, Cody and Jessica Carlblom

Michelle Carlblom - September 18, 2008 at 05:28 PM



“ R.I.P Cody you were a great guy and u will be missed by all. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers

Ryan Torbenson & Bridget Berger - September 18, 2008 at 05:17 PM



“ To the Lahr and Kohler families,
Our hearts go out to you in this tragic time. There aren't words to tell you how sorry we are. In our thoughts and prayers. May God bring you peace in the following days.
All our Love,
Michelle VanHal and Zach Deitz

Michelle VanHal and Zach Deitz - September 18, 2008 at 05:15 PM



“ John, Jennifer, Jon, Ashley & Brooke, words can't even express the pain and sorrow that you're in right now. I'm so sorry about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with each and every-one of you. STAY STRONG. Jen if you need any-thing at all please don't hesitate to call. Love ya, Al&Lu

linda anderson - September 18, 2008 at 04:57 PM



“ I did not know Cody, or your family, but I just wanted you to know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I know what it's like to lose someone so young. God Bless.

Ashley Enger - September 18, 2008 at 04:20 PM



“ Dear Jennifer, John, Jon and Ashley, Our hearts are filled with sorrow and sympathy for all of you. For any family who has to bear a tragedy such as this is incomprehensible. We pray that God is with you and is helping you through this sad time. We will remember Cody with fondness and laughter, as he was always so happy and fun and full of life. God bless you all.

Kent and Eileen Beilke, Holly, A.J., Jesse, and Sean. - September 18, 2008 at 04:14 PM



“ It was so nice to watch Cody grow up to be such a fine, kind young man in his years at MVHS. He came to be a very dear friend to our Jillian after Aaron graduated. He will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

The Haseleu family

mike and jody haseleu - September 18, 2008 at 04:05 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Lahr family.

Lindsey Johnson - September 18, 2008 at 03:51 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Lahr family.

Kelsey Schwehr - September 18, 2008 at 03:25 PM



“ I new Cody through his Dad Wayne and Uncle Paul Lahr. It was through fishing outings to Devils Lake or Duck and goose hunting. No mater how tired you were after jumping pot holes all day Cody was always full of energy ready to hit it again the next day. The kid made me laugh, he made us all laugh. To the whole Lahr family my sympathy goes out to you. I'm gonna give my kids a little longer hug today cuz you just never know. God bless.

Steven Reid - September 18, 2008 at 03:23 PM



“ Jon, Jen, and Family,
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.
Love,
Sara and Jim

Sara Nicoli and James Christensen - September 18, 2008 at 03:21 PM



“ Jennifer, Jon, Jonathon and ashley,
We are truly sorry for the loss of Codster. He meant a great deal to all of his family. There is nothing that anyone can say to take your hurt away, but remember that we are here for you if you need anything at all.
You are all in our hearts and prayers.
All our love,
Jess and Dalton

Jess and Dalton - September 18, 2008 at 03:21 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy go to the Kohler and Lahr families. I really enjoyed watching Cody grow up to be a fine young man during his years at Maple Valley. He will be dearly missed.

Dan and Jody Johnson - September 18, 2008 at 03:12 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Code-Dawg. Lee loved to see him at the farm and always came home with a story about Cody. He was a wonderful young man with a beautiful smile. Always remember your angel is watching over your family.
Lee, Karen and Ashley Steidl

Karen Steidl - September 18, 2008 at 02:59 PM



“ John, Jennifer, Ashley and Jon,
I had informed my brother who lives in Texas of your tragic loss and he contacted me wishing me to send you his deepest sympathies. He was in a serious motorcycle accident less than two years ago and is now living with a brain injury. He is back at work and living on his own but will always live with the consequences of his actions while driving his motorcycle. He sends his thoughts and prayers to your family during this time of sorrow.
You're in our prayers,
Nancy Ost

Nancy Ost - September 18, 2008 at 02:56 PM



“ John, Jennifer, Brooke, Jon, Ashley and family,
My absolute deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Your family has been on my mind a lot lately as I cannot even begin to image the pain you are all feeling. There is comfort knowing that God will take care of Cody, but I am also saddened knowing that this world has lost an amazing young man, friend, son and brother. Please know that your family will continue to hold a special place in my heart as my thoughts and prayers remain with you all now and forever. God bless you all, Tiffany

Tiffany Ost - September 18, 2008 at 02:33 PM



“ Dearest Lahr and Kohler families: I sit here at the computer and still can't believe what has happened. I worked with Cody at Valley Meat from day one. He was my tag along for quite a while learning the ropes at his new job. He was a fast learner and always was so up beat. He lived his life to the fullest everyday. He had the most wonderful smile one that would melt every girls heart. I will always treasure the line; "did you buy your tickets for the show yet?", What show? The gun show! He would flex his muscles and laugh. Cody was sure an entertainer and I enjoyed working with him very much and will miss him deeply. Treasure the many memories! Love and prayers from the Gullickson's

Scott & Wendy Gullickson and family - September 18, 2008 at 01:59 PM



“ Cody will be greatly missed as a friend ever since high school. He will be missed. I remember he was there when I needed him, was always willing to go out of his way to help.

Brent Davidson - September 18, 2008 at 01:26 PM



“ R.I.P Cody Lahr. love you and miss you tons!! watch over us and keep us safe!

Amber Eull - September 18, 2008 at 01:22 PM



“ Dear Lahr & Kohler family,
I sit here in tears as I remember Cody..He was "like a son" to George and I...and a "big brother" to our boys. George is so very grateful for his friendship from Valley Meat and after..We are truly missing him! He was a great man!! We are so sorry for this terrible loss. You all are in our prayers. with sympathy, the Straub family
ps. I know he's up there chatting with a few wonderful people/family who left this Earth too soon also.

George & Laurie Straub..Dakota & Colten - September 18, 2008 at 01:09 PM



“ Cody, you will be missed by so many people. You touched so many peoples lives and made some who they are today. I am praying everyday for your family. You were a really amazing person.

Alisa Kosse - September 18, 2008 at 12:44 PM



“ Cody,
As I sit here and think about what has happened, I don't want to believe it. You were the brother I never had. I will always remember the night you told me you'd love me like a sister and a best friend regardless of what the future brought between you and Kels. You were always there for me when I was sick and helped whenever you could. I knew I could always count on you for anything! Thanks for all the memories..they will never be forgotten. I know you are up there watching over us. We're going to miss you! I love you so much! The Lord has chosen you for a reason we will never know, but help him keep watch over all of us down here.

Lindsay Sauer - September 18, 2008 at 12:28 PM



“ Jennifer, John and family,
We remember Cody best at Maravin's funeral when he came to us and said,"Marvin is in a better place than I am right now."
Well now Cody is in a better place.
All our smpathys
Bob and Linda Olauson

Linda Olauson - September 18, 2008 at 12:27 PM



“ May you be in Gods hands today and forever. He will watch over in these times.Sorry this had to happen. Will be with you in our thoughts.

James & Diane Peterson - September 18, 2008 at 12:17 PM



“ To Cody's family and friends : I am still in shock to hear about what happened. I have been praying for you guys from the moment I heard. I cannot begin to image what you are going through at this time, but I want you to know that I am thinking of you. Nothing could ever replace him.

Kylie Winter - September 18, 2008 at 12:08 PM



“ Jen & Family- Cody was one great guy. We knew him through Allison Sorensen. He used to bring that little motorcycle over to her house & my boys would sit outside for as long as he was there, just so they could talk to him. He always took the time to visit with them, show them the bike & let them sit on it. He was a person who cared about others, & took time to say hello. You can be proud of him for that. While our hearts are heavy with sadness, know that so many hold you close in their thoughts & prayers. Matt, Nicole, Shayne & Cade Powers

Nicole Powers - September 18, 2008 at 12:01 PM



“ Dear Jennifer and family,

I am so sorry for this tragic loss. Though I did not know Cody, he made a difference in my son's life and I will always be grateful to him for that. He made my son feel like he belonged when nobody else really took the time. Thank you for raising such an amazing young man. You have so much to be proud of. Please take care of each other and remember that we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Kim Heinze

Kim Heinze - September 18, 2008 at 11:35 AM



“ Michael, Krysten and I are heartbroken to hear that Cody has left this world so soon. We have been talking about the energy and enthusiasum he put into everything he did. Our prayers are that God will bless you with Peace and Strength.

Tena White - September 18, 2008 at 11:32 AM



“ John, Jennifer, Jon, Ashley & Family of Cody-
I am incredibly sorry for the loss of a wonderful young man. Cody was a great friend to not only me, but a countless number of people from all walks of life. He is in God's hands. My love and prayers are with your family at always in this time of need.

Emma Buttke - September 18, 2008 at 11:12 AM



“ I am writing this to you all. We have never met,nor crossed paths in life. Until now. Our 22 year old son Mitchell was killed Sept 13-2003, at the age of 22 years old... Driving his crotch rocket. I am so grateful for the years we had together, along with his big brother Joshua and younger sister Jennifer.. Know that your son is riding with our Mitch.. They were doing what they loved to do. Thats ride their bikes. Your son Cody looks like someone whom enjoyed every day that God gave him. Friends with every-one.. We express our sympathy to you. Their are long days ahead. But, know that there are many people in the world whom care. We just learn that we have to keep going, and we do what we have to, to get through each day.. Take Care and You are all in our prayers.. As well is Cody. God Bless You ALL....Randy and Verla Zieske
Bx.450
Renville,MN.56284

Verla Zieske / Randy Zieske - September 18, 2008 at 11:05 AM



“ My heart goes out to Cody's family. He was a great guy, and I know he is good hands. I'm praying for you guys. Cody, you will be missed.

Traci Burke - September 18, 2008 at 11:03 AM



“ Cody i love you and you will be missed by many

Tiffany Berger - September 18, 2008 at 11:00 AM



“ Jennifer, John, Jon and Ashley
Clay and I are very saddened for the loss of Cody. Just know that we are here for you in anyway you need.

Love,
Bobbi and Clay

Bobbi and Clay - September 18, 2008 at 10:33 AM



“ John, Jennifer and Family

How do I express the sadness and how sorry we are to hear of this news. Our hearts goes out to all of you. We will pray for God to be with each of you and to gude you through this time very sad time.

Love, Kellie Niesen and family

Kellie Niesen - September 18, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ JEN,JOHN AND FAMILY
MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. CODY WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL GUY, HE IS IN GOD'S HANDS NOW. IF YOU NEED A CALL, A HUG, A VISIT, PLEASE CALL IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.
CARRIE MARESH

CARRIE MARESH - September 18, 2008 at 10:29 AM



“ John and family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss...you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Leah & Wayne Thoreson & family - September 18, 2008 at 10:07 AM



“ I only worked with Cody for a short time at the Good Samaritan and he was so kind and respectful to both the staff and residents. He was truly a disciple of God and practiced his faith. When he entered the room he gave the residents a smile and would talk to them and always a smile on his face and willing to help anyone. You only had him a short time but you can be very proud of his accomplishment and he was 1 of very few that a plan of what he wanted to do with his life at this young age. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Cody's family and friends. He sure will be missed by us but certainly you all to.
God Bless you all!

Ardis Brandl - September 18, 2008 at 09:49 AM



“ I'm sorry I couldn't make the funeral but I had a prior engagement that I could not get out of. Cody was a really good person, and was great at making me and everyone else laugh, and making their day so much better. He will be dearly missed. My thoughts are with John, Jennifer, Wayne, Jon, Ashley, and the rest of Cody's family and extended family. May he rest in peace

Nate Johnson - September 18, 2008 at 09:20 AM



“ I have been Cody's math teacher at MSCTC for two semesters. I will always remember Cody for his wonderful smile, his wit, and his gentle kindness in class. He would always take time for other students in class when they were struggling. His determination to master the subject, even though he claimed not to like it :), was impressive. We always teased him about riding his motorcycle, especially when he would tell me he was out riding it when it was barely above freezing outside. Cody was truly liked and I and all the other students here at MSCTC will miss his dearly. God and peace be with you Cody!!

Karen Knoke - September 18, 2008 at 09:19 AM



“ There are no words at this time that can make this any easier. Just always remember the amount of people that have you in their thoughts and prayers. I had such a soft spot for Cody while him and Kaytlyn went to school together in Fingal. There was just something about that kid! I will never be able to eat a vanilla Tootsie Roll without thinking of him. What a fine young man he turned out to be. God bless you all!

Darci Hansen - September 18, 2008 at 09:16 AM



“ I am the mom of a young man, that soon will be 21. I actually think that Cody and Dalles graduated together. I truly have no words words of comfort. It seems so senseless to me when we have to say good-bye to our young men, when they were simply behaving in a manner so normal for a young man (kid in our eyes). My heart, tears, and prayers are with your family through this incredibly painful time. It is my prayer that as you celebrate the all but to short life of Cody, that you can find peace in the young man that smiled, laughed, and loved with his whole heart. The only way that those young men know how to do....They seem to give everything they have all they have....Love Donna

Donna Lemer - September 18, 2008 at 09:12 AM



“ Dear Jennifer, John and family,
Please accept our deepest sympathies during this time of your loss. Jennifer, I have not been able to get you off my mind. You are living a mother's worst fear, the loss of a child. Please know that my thoughts, prayers and concerns are with you and all your family at this time. May God bless you and keep you in his care. May he offer you comfort in knowing that Cody is with him, in peace, and now watching over all of you as your guardian angel. With loving thoughts,
Nancy Ost

Nancy Ost - September 18, 2008 at 09:08 AM



“ Going to miss a great kid. Our thoughts and sympathies are with you all. I enjoyed getting to know Cody at the locker. He was always ready and willing, upbeat and always fun to be around. We'll miss him.

Bill Hill and family - September 18, 2008 at 09:07 AM



“ Jen, John and family,
Words cannot express the sadness I felt this morning when I opened the paper only to find the victim of the accident I witnessed on Tuesday was Cody. I simply cannot imagine the sadness you are all having to deal with. The loss of a child is something no parent should ever have to experience. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carla McGarry - September 18, 2008 at 09:06 AM



“ Jen, John, Jon & Ashley--
We are so saddened to hear about your loss. Words can not express what all we want to say, just know we are thinking of you and are here for you if you need anything.
Brenda & Kevin

Brenda & Kevin White - September 18, 2008 at 08:47 AM



“ John, Jen, Jon, and Ashley- I cant even come about to image you pain right now. I am sorry about the loss. We all know that Cody is watching over us in Heaven and now he can all the fun and crazy stuff he loved to do in heaven and no one or nothing can hurt him. If you need anything at all please dont hesitate to ask. I love your dearly.God Bless Always
Tiffany Christiansen

Tiffany Christiansen - September 18, 2008 at 08:17 AM



“ U will Be missed

R.Anderson (2002 Red yamaha R-6 - September 18, 2008 at 05:36 AM



“ John, Jen and Family
We were shocked to hear of your loss this morning from back home. Cody will be missed by all. Deo has told us many a story about your times at the lake. It is times like this that we wish we were closer to home. Our prayers are with you and all your family as you go thru these hard times.
Randy, Kathleen and Mitchell

Randy, Kathleen and Mitchell - September 18, 2008 at 01:54 AM



“ Sorry to see the passing of a fellow friend. Rest in piece bro, your life was short.

Chet Larson - September 18, 2008 at 01:26 AM