



## Blair Arley Bakke

January 17, 1948 - February 4, 2016

Blair Bakke 68, Valley City passed away on February 4th, 2016 under Hospice care surrounded by his loving family.

Blair Arley Bakke, son of Melvin and Eleanor (Silseth) Bakke was born Jan 17th, 1948 in Sharon ND. Blair was united in marriage to Wanda Erickson Sept 6th 1969 at United Methodist Church in Valley City. Blair resided in Valley City and worked for Gale Olstad's Body Shop for over 30 years before starting his own business Blair's Auto Body. His work was always sought after by his loyal customers over the years.

Blair's passion in life was collecting tractors and Antiques of all kinds. His pride and joy was his father's Model 70 John Deere tractor which he tracked down over many years and bought back during an auction sale. It was a very proud day for him. He also was a "Die Hard" fan of his Chicago Bears. Along later in life came the sadness of losing his son Brandon in 2008 and the news of his daughter Wendy battling breast cancer.

Blair was survived by his children Wendy (Moorhead) Blair Jr (Namiko) grandchildren Melissa, Erica, Evan, Levi (Okinawa, Japan), Brenden, Landon, Kaedyn and Braelynn of Valley City.

Brothers Kenny, Bradley (Rita), Brian (Darnelle) sisters Paulette (Richard) Sandy (Albert) Charlene (Richard) Susan (Clay) Jeanne (Boyd) and many nieces and nephews who loved him. Also his close lifelong friends Jim, Dave, George, and all his coffee and fishing buddies he enjoyed spending time with. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, son Brandon and

beloved brothers Keith and Gary. His parting words, I love you and give me a hug.

The funeral service will be 11 am Wednesday, February 10, at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, with Pastor Allan Gerber officiating. Burial will be later in the spring in the Woodbine Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5 – 7 pm Tuesday with a prayer service at 7 pm at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. Visitation will continue one hour before the service in the chapel.

An online guestbook for Blaire is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND 58072  
(701) 845-2414  
o-nchapel@bektel.com

## Prayer Service

FEB 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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251 Central Ave. S.  
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## Visitation

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FEB **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ I just heard that Blair passed away. I'm sorry for his family. I didn't know him except when we were together at Gary's death he was such a caring person . You are in my prayers.

Betty Mahlke - February 19, 2016 at 08:31 PM

AN

“ Arlene Nelson41 lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Arlene Nelson41 - February 18, 2016 at 09:37 PM

TG

“ Dear Family

You have my sympathy on the passing of Blair. He was a good guy with a lot of experiences.

Tom Goven

Tom Goven - February 09, 2016 at 04:06 PM

MB

“ Hoping that you have finally found peace and that you can enjoy a pain free life. I'll always value our friendship.

Meryem (Berge) Bentz

Meryem (Berge) Bentz - February 09, 2016 at 09:50 AM

MW

“ Blair, I am so sorry for the passing of your father. The last time I ran into him, while on leave, he talked about you and the kids and how proud he was of you. He will be missed and my condolences once again. -Mike

Mike Wimmer - February 08, 2016 at 07:54 PM

JF

“ Jaython Johnson and the Ryder family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Blair Arley Bakke.



Jaython Johnson and the Ryder family - February 08, 2016 at 04:26 PM

BR

“ Will miss him. Was always so good to visit with. Calm and level headed. Truly one of the good guys. See ya soon Blair.

Brian - February 08, 2016 at 12:53 PM

CN

“ Carol Nelson lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Carol Nelson - February 07, 2016 at 11:39 PM

ME

“ My freind for over 25 yrs. Been thru a lot together, good and bad. So many stories to tell that some are between Blair and me. Gonna miss you ole buddy. Had a lot of good times traveling all over MN and Eastern ND . He tought me so much. Thanks Blair. Hope to see you again someday. Mike Esch

Mike Esch - February 07, 2016 at 09:13 PM

 Dawn Klubben

“ I have known Blair for many years. Threw those years i have cooked him many meals, and share a cup of coffee with him quite a few times. He was always nice to everybody, and helpful any time anyone needed a helping hand. He was always the first in his group to arrive for coffee in the morning, where he would meet with his coffee buddies and at times that would be to many to be seated at all at the same table. He enjoyed people , especially his friends Herb,Randy, and brother Gary. But his most favorite person to meet him for breakfast was Janel Richman (Step Daughter). He would tell me she was coming, and you could see the love he had for her every time he seen her or spoke of her. I will miss not seeing my friend Blair !!!!! He will never be forgotten. Rest in peace friend til we meet again.

Dawn Klubben - February 07, 2016 at 05:42 PM

GB

“ So sorry to here about Blair.My prayers and thoughts to the family.



Gloria Burkett - February 07, 2016 at 05:10 PM

SO

“ So sorry for your loss. I know mere words do not mend broken hearts. Your family is in my prayers and thoughts.

Stacy Olson - February 07, 2016 at 04:38 PM

SM

“ So Sorry for your loss. I suspect Billy and Blair are once again swapping car stories.

Sue Martin

Sue Martin - February 07, 2016 at 03:18 PM

DA

“ Donna Amann lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Donna Amann - February 07, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ Erica Danielle lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Erica Danielle - February 07, 2016 at 03:07 PM

Trisha Steiner

“ *Trisha Steiner lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke*



Trisha Steiner - February 07, 2016 at 01:00 PM

DW

“ *Dawn Wittenberg lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke*



dawn wittenberg - February 07, 2016 at 11:59 AM

KA

“ *Kathy sent a virtual gift in memory of Blair Arley Bakke*



kathy - February 07, 2016 at 11:46 AM

DA

“ *Dani lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke*



Dani - February 06, 2016 at 12:36 PM

JO

“ Joey lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Joey - February 06, 2016 at 08:09 AM

JE

“ Jeremy lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Jeremy - February 06, 2016 at 08:07 AM

AA

“ Aaliyah sent a virtual gift in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Aaliyah - February 06, 2016 at 08:04 AM

JR

“ Janel Richman sent a virtual gift in memory of Blair Arley Bakke



Janel Richman - February 06, 2016 at 07:23 AM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Blair Arley  
Bakke*



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**Julie** - February 05, 2016 at 09:53 PM