



Clyde Maasjo

October 13, 1952 - November 26, 2014

Clyde Leroy Maasjo was born October 13, 1952. He died peacefully, after one week in Hospice care, on November 26, 2014 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fargo, ND. He so appreciated the super care and the family thanks both the VA in Fargo and San Diego, CA for the most wonderful care.

Also, a big thank you to the men & women volunteers of the NVDA (No Veteran Dies Alone). The NVDA is there for the Veteran, when family cannot be there. They offer such wonderful, caring, loving support.

Clyde graduated from Valley City High School, 1970. He served as a Marine, attended UND, NDSU, worked winters in Vail, CO, and loved farming with his dad in the summers.

He lived in San Diego, CA for many years where he drove trucks long distance, often to Monterey, Mexico, where car, truck and the carrier trucks were all delivered and the crews flew back to San Diego.

Clyde loved his dogs, farming, fishing, pheasant hunting, snowmobiles, and racing them, Winter Show, skiing, scuba diving, cooking, Farmer's Market, gardening and sports. He also had a passion for reading. Clyde always read the local newspapers, and different things on his iPad. He really appreciated using the Valley City Public Library.

At Clyde's request, no funeral service will be held, but reunions and parties are ok, and there will be many.

He leaves his parents, Jarl Maasjo, Fargo, Gladys Maasjo, Valley City; sister, Gail (Pat) Phillips, Dolan Springs, AZ; niece, Mia Demsey (Brannon), Leah, and Brannon II; nephew Stan Phillips, all of San Diego, CA; and many special friends, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

We shall meet and we miss him as we remember the good times.

Preceding him in death, grandparents; Emil & Christine Maasjo, Egner (Scoop) & Ethel Swanson; uncles and aunts, Clifford and Martha Maasjo, Robert G. Ryerson, George W. Lee, Tex and Elaine Seibel; and cousins, Guy Allen Swanson and Rhonda Sheppard.

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel has been assisting Clyde's family. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Tribute Wall

DN

“ It was with exceptional sadness that I read an e-mail from my brother informing me about Clyde's passing. Clyde was a neighbor during our childhood years. Probably more significant, he was a good friend. Almost every day, one of us would find the other to go fishing, sledding down Granger Hill, or occasionally getting into trouble. After his family moved and I went away to college and then to San Diego, we never reconnected. Still, the good times we shared were never far from my memory. And I know his friendship will certainly remain in my heart. I'm glad our paths crossed, and like so others who were drawn to Clyde by his sense of humor, warmth, and friendship, I know the Massjo family has suffered a great loss. My condolences to Jarl, Gladys, and Gail. Your grief is shared by many.

Dan Nagle

Dan Nagle - December 27, 2014 at 07:27 PM

GM

Techy dinosaur that I am, I just found your Post. Thanks... Clyde & I were roommates, just over 4 years... Dan, I bought the Duplex facing "THE" Trader house in about 2000, & I moved here in 2009, Clyde came just B4 Thanksgiving 2010.

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 11:50 AM

JH

“ It has been so long since I have seen Clyde but he was a great person to have a good laugh with. He will be missed by the class of '70. Knowing Clyde I'm sure he is still having a great time. My prayers are with you. Jane (Manstrom) Hashbarger

Jane Hashbarger - December 16, 2014 at 02:23 PM

GM

Thanks Jane, Clyde often mentioned classmates... a fun time.

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 11:52 AM

DC

“ *DeeAnn Maasjo Cavett lit a candle in memory of Clyde Maasjo*



DeeAnn Maasjo Cavett - December 15, 2014 at 07:59 PM

DC

Thoughts and prayers to Jarl, Gladys, Gail and the rest of our extended family.

DeeAnn Maasjo Cavett - December 15, 2014 at 08:00 PM

GM

Thanks DeeAnn.... Just accidently found these notes.... Use email quite well, & much Tech is a mystery See pics on FACEBOOK, don't try messages often... somehow the messages go elsewhere or gone for good....

See UR mom once in awhile... & Spring is coming!

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 11:56 AM

DR

“ *We were sorry to hear about the passing of Clyde. Our prayers and sympathies to Jarl, Gladys, Gail and families. Dave, Craig, Irene Roe*

Dave Roe - December 14, 2014 at 10:09 PM

BD

“ Clyde and I were in the marines together at Kbay. We were together for a year and became very good friends. Clyde always had a sense of humor and always enjoyed our liberty time off. We spent most time off cruising in my Tempest (hey we where on a military salary) and had loads of good times. My prayers to Clydes family and I will remember Clyde always. Semper Fi Regards Bob Dunn

Bob Dunn - December 14, 2014 at 02:40 PM

GM

Thanks Bob, I hope that U get this...
Found message accidentally, Techy Dino
that I am...

We never met, but Clyde spoke of you... Lidgerwood????

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 11:59 AM

DD

“ Sorry for your loss. Clyde and I served in the Marines together in Hawaii. He was a great guy and always shared his Lefsa when he got his care packages from home. We would go down to the Mess Hall and "acquire" some butter and sugar and have a feast. Bob Dunn, from Lidgerwood, called today with the news. SEMPER FI ' old friend. Guard those streets till we get there. Davidusmc53@aol.com

Dave Drury - December 14, 2014 at 02:24 PM

GM

Thanks Dave, Clyde did mention that & Bob too.
I still send Lefse to family & one friend, except this year, Clyde died, ready & peacefully November 26, day b4 Thanksgiving. in Hospital 11 days, in Hospice 1 week. Blessed, Clyde & us that in his condition, misery was not prolonged, miss him much, and will always be ok, Clyde would require.

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:07 PM

LW

“ I was saddened to hear of Clyde's death. I rememer him fondly as Gail's little brother, a little mischievious but always with a great smile. I wish I had known him better. My deepest sympathy to you, Gladys, Jarl and Gail. Linda (Brock) Weaver

Linda Weaver - December 13, 2014 at 10:57 PM

GM

Thank you So slow to answer, accidently found these messages... Techy Dino, what can I say, still love it & learn some things. I have some neat pics Girl Scouts & at least one Slumber Party.

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:10 PM

JF

“ Clyde was a big part of the "group" that formed our Senior year in high school that brought St. Kates and City High kids together! I remember us raking leaves for people to earn money for gas driving to athletic events - and maybe a 6 pack too! Wasn't Clyde our treasurer?! Our sincerest sympathy to his friends and family....and thanks for the memories!
Rick and Jo Fitzner

Jo Fitzner - December 13, 2014 at 11:47 AM

GM

Thanks Jo, appologize re: late response... accidently found this.

..... Clyde would require to be ok & I am, it's been almost 3 months, seems like yesterday & at times like it didn't happen...

Just enough down time to keep the guys or gals away with their white coats....

...nieces , nephews & family here, very helpful....

....waking up is good... maybe gone tomorrow, but working today...

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:18 PM

GK

“ O Clyde, we hardly knew ye. For starters, if I had known your middle name was "Leroy," I would have used it to respond to the many occasions when catching me acting "high on my horse," you would skillfully prick my bubble. Clyde did not tolerate hypocrites. A gifted athlete, Clyde could catch a football with one hand while being completely horizontal to the ground. A natural leader, Clyde could put together a party at the drop of a hat. I have thought of you many times over the years, my friend. Fond memories, mostly of us getting in and then, out, of trouble. And if ever I imagined you to be in a dark place, I wanted you to know that at that moment, you were loved, by me and by many whose lives you had touched with your companionship. Rest, and rest assured, you are in our hearts.

Gorman King - December 12, 2014 at 12:42 PM

GM

Thanks & you did know Clyde..., you mentioned him horizontal & catching the football, seems the Times Record caught one of those.

....pretty much everything has changed & everyone gone, that is, most my age, that I knew well... have seen Ron Brovold a couple times & go see his Mom, lives in the same place.....love her dearly.

Thanks & be safe, well & have fun!

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:25 PM

GB

“ i was very sorry to hear that Clyde had passed. The Gregersons and the Maasjos had alot of fun growing up in NW Valley City. Snowmobiling, skating, slides down Pioneer Hill! What a blast. Clyde in that little Carmengia(yellow wasn't it) driving up and down the street. He would always take me for a ride even tho I was a punk 10 year old! i hadn't seen Clyde since I left Fargo many years ago but I remember him fondly. Love always to you Gladys, Gail and Jarl.

Gaye(Gregerson) Bakken

Gaye Gregerson Bakken - December 10, 2014 at 02:34 PM

GM

Thanks Gaye, so nice to hear from you & many others. Tech Dino ... found these messages accidently...

Clyde mentioned you & remembered good laughs... not certain, but maybe you were at a party in the Fargo Condo???? My brain leaks, but I think Clyde mentioned.

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:32 PM

KS

“ *My prayers go out to the Maasjo family, Clyde was a good friend, and there are way too many memories. First Larry and now Clyde from our so called group. After high school and a summer in Hawaii, we lost touch, but never forgotten. Rest in Peace my friend, Kurt Stenson*

Kurt Stenson - December 09, 2014 at 09:15 PM

GM

*Thanks Kurt, just found these Posts accidentally...
Hope the replies can still be retrieved..*

*...ever in Valley, I bought the Duplex that faces the "TRADER"
house in about 2000 & moved into the north unit 2009, the basement is
finished with his bedroom & bath, but we shared the house &, of
course is a bit vacant.*

*Clyde had been doctoring at the VA in San Diego & transferred to VA in
Fargo November 2010....*

*Clyde had his routes, checking the farm, Bald Hill, fished a little & love
the lake with friends in Fergus Falls...also, shipped most days & was
chief cook....*

Last summer Clyde had a garden & enjoyed his Kayak.

*...still death came suddenly & maybe not shock, but surprise & one can
never be ready...*

*We did talk about life's end & what was wanted, but shoukda been ME
FIRST.... Clyde would require that I'm ok 'n will be.*

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:48 PM

MJ

“ *Adios old friend. From our first meeting in kindergarten in 1957 to
snowmobile racing to epic pheasant hunts we had an awful lot of
fun together. Thanks for providing everyone who ever knew you
with a ready laugh and a twinkle in your eye. My heart is heavy.
Condolences to Jarl, Gladys and Gail.*

Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson - December 09, 2014 at 06:02 PM

GM

*Was great to see U Mark, I have some great pics of U guys, great
memories!*

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:50 PM

SB

“ My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to the Maasjo family. I will always remember Clydes quick wit and humor.

Steve Becker

Steve Becker - December 08, 2014 at 09:31 AM

GM

Thanks Steve, just found these notes...
Yes, Clyde could find funny, in the unfunny too.

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 12:52 PM

JC

“ Clyde you and I had a disagreement, now never to be resolved over some insignificant event. In some way I wish I knew if this troubled you as much as me even years later. For I always felt indebted to you. When my brother Kenny died you sent me a sympathy card acknowledging my pain and your pain. What 14 yr. old does this, you did. When exiting down St. Kates long aisle after the service was completed, your face is the only face I saw at an event where I remember nothing. We were only acquaintances at this time. I still firmly believe that you and Lee Peterson were the most responsible for the smooth transition when SCHS closed its door. Your inclusiveness attitude was very evident starting in the summer before VCHS became one. I mean really. Who could yell out hey tuna suck, or hey mackerel snapper, laugh outrageously, and make it sound like terms of endearment, you did. In later years we also shared a demon or two. Would've loved to have compared notes with you on that journey, I feel strangely serene as I finish. Thank you Clyde. RIP



John Coghlan - December 08, 2014 at 08:43 AM

GM

Thanks John, yes, I remember you and your family, probably before you were thought of!

....yup, St Catherines' transfer, I remember & i can't recall everyone's names, and remember some of the banter & such good friends, U guys seems to have a lot of fun!

...one party @ a zillion degrees below zero & a bit earlier, Clyde had set Sodas set out in the Screen Room.. they started exploding & Gail, home alone, thought it was gunfire, ended up at Doc Neil & Betty's... when time for the party, I think the partners were more than a tis surprised to see several cars, cops 'n lights lighting up the whole block!

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 01:45 PM

JO

“ Clyde was a good friend. In our younger years we spent a lot of time together. He was my best man at my wedding. Many fond memories. Wish we would have stayed in touch. Glad Sandie and I had a chance to visit with him a year or so ago in Valley City. Sounds like life gave him many challenges. Sorry about that. Thought of him often and will continue to do so. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Jim "Rocky" Opdahl

Jim Opdahl - December 07, 2014 at 11:49 PM

GM

Thanks... Thought that I had answered this yesterday, & seems to have gone bye-bye... Yup, great friends 'n LOTZA fun... can never forget...

... Not very Techy, Clyde had no interest in computers until a couple years ago... He did almost all of the cooking & shopped a bit almost every day... loved Valley Meats.....

.....after asking me to look up recipes for some time, he bought an iPad...

.... After a a few trips to Verizon for help... he read newspapers from San Diego, Mpls, 'n others... always got the Forum & often a couple other "Real" papers when he'd go Fargo... Clyde was a reader.

Be well, safe & have fun!

Gladys Maasjo - February 22, 2015 at 12:45 PM

GM

*Yesterday I mentioned that I chose the pic for News..
..have the ones from Marines & some in Tux, re: yours & other weddings... but that pic, was Clyde, not too formal.*

Gladys Maasjo - February 22, 2015 at 12:48 PM

SO

“ To Clyde's family, Clyde was our best man at our wedding and always the life of a celebration. We know that he was a man that had many talents and also had struggles that he faced as a survivor. Our last memory of Clyde was a couple of summers ago, Jim and I were walking down the street in VC and we saw Clyde. It was so enjoyable to see him again and catch up with his life. We are so sorry for your loss and extend our sympathy to each of you. Clyde, rest in peace and may the memories of this precious man carry you... Jim and Sandie Opdahl

sandra Opdahl - December 07, 2014 at 10:13 PM

GM

*Thanks much... Today I accidently discovered these messages...
...Tech Dino... Oh well! Do well on email & Google, Fargo Forum & see
pics on FACEBOOK... Not even sure what venue or site I'm on here...
Except sez Oliver Nathan...*

*.....have a dog, Scooter, she's been here 2 years & will be 3 yrs April
1st....she missed Clyde too, a whenever either of us would be gone,
she seemed to get used to it & she's doing well and a real joy... got her
quite by accident and of COURSE, also, 3 minutes, hours or days,
Scooter is just as excited.... neither of us spoiled her, YA, right.*

*....because of my sis Gin, I still can leave home... Gin rents my other
unit, has Yorkies too, Gin & Scooter are real Buds.*

*Thanks, so glad too that you & Clyde had a chat... U mentioned that
you walked by, family live near? I missed U, but Clyde did mention.*

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 02:16 PM

EP

*“ Clyde had a natural charisma flowing from his intense energy and
striking eyes. We were roommates at UND and I vividly remember
his quick wit and infectious laugh. He risked his life in a house fire
trying to find me in my smoke filled room. I was safe and sound,
having failed to mention I was going to be out of town the night our
place burned. As usual, Dave Sloan finds the words which aptly
capture the thoughts of many of us. Rest in peace, Clyde. Probably
more than you ever knew, we value our memories of that wonderful
laugh.*

Earl Pomeroy - December 07, 2014 at 08:15 PM

GM

Thanks Earl, yes, I remember about that & think his Parrot died in that fire...

Yes, remember Dave too, under the circumstances, Death was not the enemy. The fact that the suffering could have continued for a very long time, with the same result, makes us feel blessed & Clyde was too and exactly what he wanted. Clyde's quality of life was good enough that he could do much of what he chose until the last couple of weeks.

He drove his van to Fargo Wednesday because it was blustery & thought he could see better.... We got back & seemed better, by Friday, not doing well, and was dead in less 11 days.

Life may not seem fair, but life is good... all is well, Clyde would require.

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 02:25 PM

BJ

“ *It's a sad day for all that knew you Clyde, lots of good memories of the past. My sympathy to the Maasjo family. Sincerely Bob John*

bob john - December 07, 2014 at 01:18 PM

GM

Thanks, I'm hoping that these messages get to each of you... Yes, remember you Gus 'n gals & it seemed that you had a lot of fun.

I have seen Mark J & Ron Brovold...

I own the Duplex that Faces the Trader house & live in the north side.

.....Being gone, except for yearly visits, from 1970, 'till 2009, nothing is the same... well, not everything... Bong's Bootery, Ace Hardware & Larson's Shoe Shop ('n love a good shoe shop).

I ask everyone "Who were your grandparents?" Fun & interesting!

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 02:34 PM

DS

“ you were a free spirit and a good friend and I'm sorry I did not reconnect with you in your later years. You lived life on your terms. I still always remember the few days I spent with you in Vail and what a frickin good skier you were. You had high expectations of yourself and of us. I know you climbed the mountain many times in your life and faced hardships and joy in ways we don't understand. You were always loved by us and by your family so March on my friend. March on.

David Slone - December 07, 2014 at 07:41 AM

GM

Thanks Dave, I thought that I wrote a response yesterday & don't see it... Great Techy that I am... Seem to have lost another one too...

Clyde & I were roommates just over 4 years... he was doctoring @ the VA, and the final days were a surprise. I believe a Blessing to Clyde & to us, that more misery would have the same result.

.... Miss him much, all ok, Clyde would expect & require.

Gladys Maasjo - February 22, 2015 at 12:59 PM

RB

“ As I sit here with heavy heart at the news of your passing a flood of memories come pouring in. Skating, sliding down Park hill . The night you, I, Lee and Moe were busted for open container. The first concert at the canteen and every thing else in high school . When we were in basic training at the same time, you the core me the Navy. We could see each other through the fence and give the finger back and fourth.

Ron Brovold - December 06, 2014 at 07:13 PM

GM

Thanks Ron, I accidently discovered these note... I love visiting with UR mom, we always have a fun visit... Haven't been there lately, but will... stopped one day & no one home...

....my main excuse is, it's so cold.... another is, so busy doing nothing.

....Clyde died November 26 and I went to Gail's daughter Mia's wedding December 5th & back the 12th...

miss Clyde of course, but in that condition, can't wish him back.. I am well, thankful & that's what Clyde would require.

Remember LOTZA STUFF...remember the hair dryer?

Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 02:42 PM

DA

“ *My sympathy and prayers to Gail and the Maasjo family.*

Diana Brendmoen Steckler (Surprise, Az) - December 04, 2014 at 09:30 PM

GM

Thanks, for all the comments. Yup, lotza great memories!

Clyde and we are blessed that he did not suffer many months or years. We have great memories and many laughs to share, we are doing well, as he would want and expect. We had many conversations about what we wanted. Expected "Me first", life may seem not fair, but life is good.

Quality of life was very important to Clyde and it faded very quickly.

Clyde, loved, laughed and lived and he had had many great memories too.

We shall meet, and we miss him, he is at peace.

*Thanks again, Gladys Maasjo, 619-517-4415,
gladysmaasjo@yahoo.com*

For all of Clyde's family

Gladys Maasjo - December 14, 2014 at 10:43 PM

KH

I was deeply saddened upon hearing of Clyde's passing. I remember our many good times together. He was witty, charming, determined and competitive. I am sure that the residents of heaven have developed an appreciation of Clyde's fashion sense. I recall one March morning about 35 years ago seeing Clyde brave the first 30 degree day by wearing shorts, high wool socks, a Hawaiian shirt and sunglasses while trudging across the icy NDSU sidewalks. He was a true free spirit. I regret not getting a chance to say goodbye. We all will miss you.

Keith Hanson

Keith Hanson - December 19, 2014 at 05:33 PM

SM

What a really stand-up guy Clyde was. He helped me, unselfishly, out of some embarrassing, (to me) jams. He really was kind to all. I don't know where his life took him, but sad that he died so young. I look forward to greeting him as he is brought back to this earth, whole and healthy.

I want his family to know what a great person he was; my sympathy goes out to them.

Susan Grande Merck - December 22, 2014 at 06:04 PM

JW

How sad to lose a child. The Wick family had many happy memories of Clyde when he was in highschool. My sympathies and love sent to all of you. Janet Wick

Janet Wick - January 27, 2015 at 02:49 PM

GM

I've been trying to respond to each & find some have no "Comment" to click.

Yes, Keith, UR R correct about Clyde's shorts, wool socks, at times & MANNNY Hawaiian Shirts. I chose a pic that we all knew... too sober re: Marine official pic & a bit much for Clyde in a Tux.

Any of you recognize me, shout out Hey You!, at 14 'n 18 yrs..+ A FEW years since I last saw you, there are, no doubt, a few more appearance changes for you than for me...

Clyde had a Different Drummer, big heart.

His quality of life went quickly & if there were a choice, I choose the same for myself..

Yes Sue you knew Clyde and good times.

Janet, thanks, yes, not easy re: loss, but life and Clyde would require, not too much sadness, nor grieve too long... He chose no funeral and sez can have parties etc.

....yes, Clyde often remembered your place & family & " Duck", Not sure of the Duck's name...

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Gladys Maasjo - February 21, 2015 at 03:03 PM