



## Jamie Ray Paurus

October 15, 1980 - June 10, 2019

Jamie Ray Paurus, 38, Valley City, ND passed away unexpectedly on June 10, 2019 in Dickinson, ND. He was born on October 15, 1980 in Detroit Lakes, MN. He is the son of Sherri Schaefer and Steve Halstengaard and Clarence and Marcella Paurus.

Jamie graduated from Frazee High School in 1999 and then attended NDSU graduating with a Masters in Business Administration in 2005. Jamie worked for VCSU in serving as a professor and department chair of the CSSE program and as Golf Coach. On July 20, 2012, Jamie married Kelsey Hanson of Willmar, MN.

Jamie is survived by his wife, Kelsey (Hanson) Paurus; children: Carver (12) Berkley (5), and Azalea (2); grandparents, Clarence and Marcella Paurus of Wolf Lake, MN; mother Sherri Schaefer of Wadena; father Steve Halstengaard and wife, Cathy of Detroit Lakes; brother Brian Halstengaard and his wife Kristy of Detroit Lake, MN, sister Tiffani Ruiz and her husband Ryan of Frazee, MN and Paurus Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins. Jamie is also survived by his in-laws Tom Hanson, Mary Hanson & Mark Malam of Willmar, Travis Hanson of Paynesville, Sarah, Dan, and Katlyn Malam of Hopkins, MN. A visitation service will be held at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Home in Valley City, ND from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse, Valley City State University Campus on Sunday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to his children's

education fund.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

Valley City State University W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse  
Valley City, ND 58072

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Kelsey and family,

*While I was fortunate to know Jamie for only a short time, his devotion to his family, work, community, students and VCSU was always readily apparent. He was a true leader. I enjoyed all of our conversations and hallway talks. He will be greatly missed by all. Sincerest condolences to you all at this difficult time. Wishing you peace in the days ahead.*

*Al LaFave*

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**Alan LaFave** - June 15, 2019 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ Kelsey and family,

*Jamie and I had adjoining offices at VCSU for several years prior to my retirement. We always had great conversations about family, our disciplines, and VCSU sports. Many times our personal conversations took place in the middle of the "basement" hallway of McFarland with lots of laughter and Jamie with a twinkle in his eye. Jamie certainly helped many students achieve their educational goals and he will surely be missed at VCSU as I know his family misses him dearly.*

*I am sorry I will not be able to attend Jamie's Celebration of Life service as I just had surgery today and will not be able to travel.*

*Please accept Beve's and My deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow.*

*Dave Melgaard*

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**David Melgaard** - June 13, 2019 at 09:09 PM

JT

“ *Jamestown Blue Jay and Jaguar Soccer Teams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jamie Ray Paurus.*



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**Jamestown Blue Jay and Jaguar Soccer Teams** - June 13, 2019 at 02:16 PM

SS

“ *Sheri Schneider lit a candle in memory of Jamie Ray Paurus*



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**Sheri Schneider** - June 13, 2019 at 09:18 AM

EC

“ *I was president when VCSU hired Jamie. Although his service there was way too brief, he could well join the annals of memorable professors for decades to come. My impression: solid, reliable, conscientious, creative, and way more fun than any of those terms connote. Heartfelt condolences to family and friends. VCSU will miss him, too.*

*Ellen Chaffee*

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**Ellen Chaffee** - June 13, 2019 at 07:17 AM

JS

“ *Jocelyn Sloan lit a candle in memory of Jamie Ray Paurus*



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**Jocelyn Sloan** - June 12, 2019 at 03:26 PM

CM

“ *We were shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. Deepest sympathy to you in this trying time.*  
*Robert, Cheryl, Cody and Dusty Moore*

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**Cheryl Moore** - June 12, 2019 at 02:18 PM

MP

“ *Misse (Rux) Paskey lit a candle in memory of Jamie Ray Paurus*



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**Misse (Rux) Paskey** - June 12, 2019 at 09:37 AM

KS

“ *Jamie was one of my favorite professors when I was at VCSU a decade ago. He left an good impression on me and the classes he taught. Many condolences to Jamie's family and to VCSU faculty.*

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**Kathleen Smith** - June 12, 2019 at 09:28 AM

JK

“ *My son attends VCSU and spoke very highly of Jamie.  
I'm so sorry for your loss.* ”



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**Jennifer Knutson** - June 12, 2019 at 01:32 AM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Jamie Ray Paurus* ”



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**Linda McIntire** - June 11, 2019 at 08:45 PM