



## Jeffrey Allen "Carp" Carpenter

March 15, 1958 - May 13, 2019

Jeffrey Allen "Carp" Carpenter, 61, Valley City, North Dakota died Monday, May 13, 2019 at Mercy Hospital. There will be a family and friends gathering Thursday, May 16 from 5-7 pm at the Dacotah Pavilion in Chautauqua Park, Valley City. The Celebration of Life Service for "Carp" will be 11 am Friday, May 17, at Dacotah Pavilion.

Jeffrey Allen Carpenter was born March 15, 1958 in Valley City to Douglas and Jeanette (Henke) Carpenter. He attended school in Valley City and graduated from Valley City Public School in 1976. Carp married Anne Grohnke and they made their home in Valley City where he worked for Valley Grocery. He then worked for Valley City Parks and Rec. In 1982 his son Michael was born and in 1984 his son Christopher was born.

He began working at Tri W-G and while continuing to work there, Carp purchased the Groundsman lawn care business in 1988. He married Debra Baumgartner in 1989. They continued to make their home in Valley City and they had two children born, Cally Jayne in 1992 and Chase Allen in 1995. Carp began working as a welder for John Deere for several years. They sold the Groundsman business in 2002. He started racing cars in 1998 and continued until 2003 but started up his passion for racing again in 2014 and was still racing. He managed the American Legion for 2 years until beginning work at Shocker Hitch of Arthur, ND.

Carp is survived by his four children, Michael Carpenter, Fargo, ND, Chris (Allie) Carpenter, Wimbledon, ND, Cally Carpenter, Valley City, Chase

Carpenter, Valley City; two grandchildren, Matesi and Marliegh Carpenter; mother, Jeanette Jean Larson, Valley City; a brother Kevin (Dallas) Carpenter, Gillette, WY; a sister, Debbie (Randy) Earles, Valley City; nieces and nephews, Bridgette (Cory) and children, Shawn and Drew, John, Zachary and Benjamin.

He was preceded in death by his father, brother, Kelly Carpenter, and his grandparents, Martha and Ed Henke & George and Elizabeth Carpenter.

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

# Previous Events

## Gathering of family and friends

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dacotah Pavilion  
Chautauqua Blvd  
Valley City, ND 58072

## Service

MAY 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

YS

“ May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. It seems so unfair that death would have the power to take away someone you love. And when it happens, the thought of never being able to talk to, laugh with, or hold your loved one can be most difficult to bear. The pain is not necessarily erased by being told that your loved one is up in heaven, as if God doesn't care about our pain. We are given a promise that someday we will never have to cope with this kind of pain again, "He [God] will actually swallow up death forever, [And] He will certainly wipe the tears from all faces"....  
*Isaiah 25:8*

Y Sims - June 12, 2019 at 05:20 PM

LE

“ Lowell & Emmy lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Allen "Carp" Carpenter



Lowell & Emmy - May 22, 2019 at 11:47 AM

LS

*Jeff will be missed by all, he was a fun person to be around always a smile on his face, keep his memories alive! Lowell & Emmy Spitzer*

Lowell & Emmy Spitzer - May 22, 2019 at 11:49 AM

DJ

“ Jeff was always a decent person with a ready smile and a keen wit. He was always great to talk with. Jeff enjoyed life to the fullest and it showed. May we all live it to the hilt!! RIP my friend.

Dale and Cindy Johnson - May 21, 2019 at 03:44 PM

PH

“ Jeff, was our neighbor and a friend. We will miss his always present smile and kindness. The neighborhood will not be the same without him.

*Our heartfelt condolences to Jeff's family from The Hilborn's.*

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**Paul Hilborn** - May 16, 2019 at 10:22 AM

SP

“ My prayers and love to the family of Jeff ! Pfaff racing remembers all the great times at numerous tracks with Jeff. His sense of humor and good natured ribbings . Always a fun person to have around! He will be missed but he'll be racing with the racers who have gone before him! I know they have a racetrack in heaven and needed another spot to fill! Rip Jeff!

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**Shirley Pfaff** - May 15, 2019 at 11:51 PM

CM

“ Will always remember Jeff's smile, good guy. My sincere sympathy to Jeff's Family.

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**Carrie Maresh** - May 15, 2019 at 11:41 PM

CM

“ Carrie Maresh lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Allen "Carp" Carpenter



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**Carrie Maresh** - May 15, 2019 at 11:35 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Steele lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Allen "Carp" Carpenter*



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**Cindy Steele** - May 15, 2019 at 11:07 PM

MK

“ *Many good memories of racing days in West Fargo. Jeff was winning many features in the Red Camaro later on camping with him at the Jamestown Stampede always good for a smile and a laugh. RIP my friend!*

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**Mickey Kvien** - May 15, 2019 at 09:28 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Botner lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Allen "Carp" Carpenter*



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**Nancy Botner** - May 15, 2019 at 09:01 PM

SC

“ *So many great memories, from camping at the Crossing with Jeff, Family, and Friends, to softball games, to We Fest. Rest in Peace, Jeff!!*

*Sandy (Michaelson) Conrad*

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**Sandy (Michaelson) Conrad** - May 15, 2019 at 08:58 PM

JP

“ *Jill Pederson lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Allen "Carp" Carpenter*



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**Jill Pederson** - May 15, 2019 at 03:56 PM

MU

“ *Always smiling, and the friendliest person I have ever met! Rest in peace my friend, and God bless to you and yours. Mark Ukestad-Jamestown, ND*

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**Mark Ukestad** - May 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM