



Lawrence "Larry" Bassen

August 14, 1936 - January 1, 2013

Lawrence Joseph Bassen was born on August 14, 1936 in Litchville, ND, the son of Stella (Mollner) and William Bassen, Sr. He attended Prairie Township School near Litchville and then Hanson Mechanical School in Fargo, ND. He worked for the Standard Station in Litchville for many years until a leg injury, in 1995, forced him out of work. Larry drove a road maintainer for LaMoure County for a time. He was the town cop in Litchville for several years. Most recently he had been driving the sports teams' shuttle bus for the Litchville-Marion school district to LaMoure.

Larry was well-known for his "Blue Ribbon Doughnuts," so named for the blue ribbons he won for them at the North Dakota Winter Show in Valley City, ND. He died at Mercy Hospital in Valley City on January 1, 2013. Larry is survived by his brother, Bill (Wanda) Bassen of Litchville; sisters, Carole (Dennis) Klakken of Hanna, WY, Margaret (Dave) Foster of Bozeman, MT, and Pat (Wes) Limesand of Fargo, ND; a nephew; 5 nieces; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Marvin; and a nephew, Dennis Klakken, Jr.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Larry, thanks for all the rides home you gave me when I was a youngster when you were a city law officer. Not that I was in trouble, like Mr. Wilson said you came off a little gruff, but your heart was always looking out for people.##imported-begin##Mike Monson##imported-end##

January 06, 2013 at 09:48 AM



“ larry was a very special friend he spend many xmas eves at are house w will miss you##imported-begin##ELAINE ENGLIN##imported-end##

January 04, 2013 at 02:31 PM



“ prayers and love to you all, peace and patience in this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Dawn Peterson##imported-end##

January 04, 2013 at 12:58 AM



“ Larry was a good friend of my family. He will be greatly missed. He spend many Christmas Eve's at my family house. Very nice man. He was a good friend and have exchanged Christmas cards with him for many years.##imported-begin##Julie Esterby##imported-end##

January 04, 2013 at 12:02 AM



“ Larry was always special to our family. He worked for Curt Flach and Gary Opdahl where we bought gas and had our car serviced. He was especially special to our son Todd and his 82 Ford LTd. He cared for the kids of Litchville but gave the impression he did not. He always liked to give us a bad time as he did others. Just his way of showing affection. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bob & Kay Willson##imported-end##

January 03, 2013 at 10:16 PM



“ Larry, you are going to be deeply missed by our family. You were always there for us when we needed you to look after our horses or dogs, you were always there when Brent needed your help with the backhoe, or just around the farm. You were always willing to bake your chocolate cherry bars, pumpkin bars, and your famous "Blue Ribbon Donuts" when ever we asked you to. You were the one that even found our new house for us. Even tho you did not have children of your own, I could see the care and concern you had for our children and many others. We are so grateful that you were our close friend for all these years. I know that you are now in peace and we will miss you!##imported-begin##Brent Smith and Family##imported-end##

January 02, 2013 at 08:50 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was a nice man. He shared his doughnuts with us at school, which we enjoyed. He will be missed. Your family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Melissa Ulmer##imported-end##

January 02, 2013 at 03:56 PM

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I got to know Larry from the hospital visiting his Mom Stella. He would bring his donuts and would give some of us a bag, I was one of the lucky ones that always got a bag. If I was not work that day he would leave them with Stella. Now he is with his Mom and I bet making donuts for the Angels. He will be missed by many!!!! Betty Dallmann

Betty Dallmann - January 14, 2013 at 05:15 PM