



Matthew David Skogen

August 12, 1974 - July 22, 2015

Matthew David Skogen, 40 of Bismarck, ND passed away unexpectedly of natural causes at his home on July 22, 2015.

Matthew was born on August 12, 1974 in Fargo, ND to Luther and Linda Skogen. He grew up and attended school in Valley City, ND. He graduated from Valley City High School in 1993. He attended Valley City State University and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1997 with a degree in Information Management. While at UND, Matt was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and involved in student government.

Matthew married Heather Verwey on September 4, 1999 in Bismarck, ND. They made their 1st home in West Burlington, IA where Matt was employed with Edward Jones. In 2009 they moved to Bismarck. Matt was currently employed with All State Insurance.

Matt was a HUGE UND Fighting Sioux and Iowa Hawkeyes fan. He enjoyed officiating high school and college football. He spread his love of sports to his West Burlington neighborhood kids by coaching their YMCA football, basketball and baseball teams.

He loved to travel, go to football, hockey, baseball games, actually Matt loved going to any sporting event. His best moments in life were doing all of these things with his family and friends. The joys of his life were his yellow labs Jack and Riley.

He is survived by his wife Heather Skogen, Bismarck ; parents Luther and Linda Skogen, Valley City; paternal grandmother Ardell Skogen, Valley City;

in-laws John and Marlys Verwey, Bismarck; sister and brother-in-law Sara and Jeremy Anderson and nieces Madeline and Lauren Anderson, Alexandria, MN; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Heidi and David Wolf and nephews Devin and Aiden Wolf, West Fargo. Matthew is also survived by numerous aunts and uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents Bill and LaVerne Sowden, paternal grandfather Melvin Skogen, uncles Jerry Sowden and LeRoy Larson and aunt Joyce Larson and cousins Chad Meyers and Kari Rios

The funeral service for Matt will be 10:30 am Monday, July 27, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 5 pm to 7 pm Sunday with a prayer service at 7 pm at the church. Visitation will continue one hour before the service on Monday. Burial will be in Woodbine Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook for Matt is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Prayer Service

JUL 26. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Visitation

JUL 27. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

JUL 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I was shocked to hear of Matt's death - I saw him regularly at the YMCA where I work and he was there the morning of his death - I'll always remember his friendliness and seeing him in his green "Fighting Sioux" jersey. I will miss him.

Alice Morris - July 28, 2015 at 09:39 PM

LK

“ We are So sorry for your loss Skogen family! We pray that God will be near to your hearts during this most difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Love and blessings,
Jason, Liscie, Jonah and Jacob Bergstrand
(Kvilvang)

liscie Kvilvang - July 28, 2015 at 09:33 PM

BB

“ My thoughts are with you Luther, Linda and Sarah. Words can not express the sorrow I feel for your family.

Bruce Bakkegard

Bruce Bakkegard - July 28, 2015 at 10:22 AM

LR

“ My condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Skogen. I remember babysitting Matthew and Sara when I was in high school.
So sorry for your loss.

Lori Hanson Ritchey - July 27, 2015 at 10:43 AM

LR

“ Our thoughts are with the entire Skogen family during this difficult time.

Larry and Mary Lee Robinson, Valley City.

Larry and Mary Lee Robinson - July 27, 2015 at 08:37 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry for everyone who knew Matt. Although I had only known him a short while we visited often. When he would stop over he'd often bring our dog a biscuit and threaten to take her home to Heather. :-) Matt was a huge asset in the lives of many in Bismarck and I know the news of his passing was painfully unexpected. Thoughts and prayers with Heather and the family today. Matt, save your friends of Bill a chair and some coffee until we get a to see you again.

Dustin L. - July 27, 2015 at 08:29 AM

LW

“ Say the name Matt Skogen and I smile. As his former teacher, I often tried to reprimand Matt for his humorous comments in class. As much as I tried, I could only laugh with him. He loved to laugh and as a result he made many of us laugh with him. He will be missed, I know. LuAnn White

LuAnn White - July 26, 2015 at 10:00 PM

SM

“ I was a friend in recovery with Matt and thought the world of him. I will be praying for the family today. God bless, Sheila

Sheila McNee - July 26, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Matthew David Skogen.*



July 25, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ *Heather I am so very sorry. There is nothing any one can say or do to heal your heart. I send prayers for you and your family. My thoughts are with you. Gladys Madison*

Gladys madison - July 25, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CB

“ To the entire family of Matt Skogen - I am so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. What a huge life force he was. Now he'll be making the others in heaven smile & laugh & probably shake their heads now & then, so they are the fortunate ones to have him with them now.

I worked with Matt for 10 years in Burlington Iowa and every day was a new adventure. We had a lot of laughs, a lot of good times, but we always got our work done and it was a pleasure to work with someone who made being at work fun. That is something you just don't find much in the world & there will never be another like him. Now don't get me wrong, we had our moments of - what are you doing?? Those moments always turned back to fun as fast as they came on. I would shake my head, shrug my shoulders, laugh & move on. He was just being Matt. He was certainly real, no airs about him & that is a rare quality as well. Heather used to say, do you want to hear the real story from me or Matt's version. That was spot on.

I will always remember Matt fondly & have let some of his former clients here know of his passing. Even all these years later, someone will ask about him still. That says a lot about how much he was thought of. Matt has been missed here and will continue to be missed, but every time I remember some goofy thing he did, I'll still shake my head, shrug my shoulders & laugh once again.

Never forgotten.

*Cheryl Bonner
Bob Bonner, Jake Bonner & Zack Bonner*

Cheryl Bonner - July 25, 2015 at 03:44 PM

PS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was too young to leave you so early. Sending Prayers for you, Heather, your parents, Matt's parents and all those that he left behind.

Sincerely,
Penny Skjerseth



Penny Skjerseth - July 25, 2015 at 03:18 PM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Heather and her family.
Sarah Smith (Burlington native)

Sarah Hawes Smith - July 25, 2015 at 12:59 PM

LH

“ Lisa Dullum and Joan Houdek purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Matthew David Skogen.



Lisa Dullum and Joan Houdek - July 25, 2015 at 12:48 PM

VP

“ Linda and Luther, I am sorry the loss of your son. Mathew sounds like a great guy.

Victor Peterson CHS '61

Victor Peterson - July 25, 2015 at 11:36 AM

PN

“ Linda and Luther, I am so sorry for your loss of Matt.
I came across this just now, as I was looking on line. My prayers for
all the family.
God Bless you all.
Pat Nielson

Pat Nielson - July 25, 2015 at 11:04 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Matthew David Skogen.



July 25, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Matthew David Skogen.



July 25, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Matthew David Skogen.



July 25, 2015 at 01:31 AM

SS

“ *Matt, your memory will burn bright. You left us too early, however you left us with countless memories, stories, and provided us many moments of laughter. For this, you are forever in our hearts. We'll miss you, dear friend.*
Love, Jared and Shelly



Shelly Semerad - July 25, 2015 at 12:37 AM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Matthew David Skogen*



Julie - July 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

Heather, Marlys and John, and the rest of the family: I am so sorry for your great loss. I never knew Matt but it sounds like he was a fun guy. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you go thru this tough time. Cherish the memories!
Love, Darlene and Jerry Roppel

Darlene Roppel - July 27, 2015 at 07:50 AM

JR

To the Skogen Family
I knew Matt as a fellow visitor to the Bismarck YMCA. I enjoyed seeing Matt and comparing travel experiences with him. He was a very pleasant person to be around. I am sorry to lose his company, but trust that his soul is in a good place. Sincerely, Jim Rouse

Jim Rouse - July 27, 2015 at 07:47 PM