



## Randy Offner

March 17, 1970 - May 31, 2010

Randall Scott Offner was born on March 17, 1970, in Valley City, ND, the son of Fred and Connie (Lilleoien) Offner. He was a 1989 graduate of Valley City High School. Following his education, he joined the Job Corp and moved to Utah. Upon his return to ND, he attended NDSCS in Wahpeton and then returned to work on the family farm. He also did various welding jobs in the area.

Randy was the most loving, unselfish person his family knew. He always had a smile and a joke for everyone he met. Randy could see the beauty in things that others could not. He especially loved fishing and to make chocolate chip cookies with his nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten by all who had the blessing of knowing him. We love you Randy.

Randy is survived by his parents, Fred and Connie of Valley City; brother, Brian (Alison) Offner of Jamestown, ND; sister, Michelle (Brian) Sys of Minot, ND; grandmother, Grace Offner of Valley City; and nieces and nephews, Alison, Hunter, and Reese Sys and Jacob and Jordan Offner.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alfred Offner and Helen and Kenneth Lilleoien.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you Randy.*

*I'll have you know that I did find your cookie recipe....making copies....so your secret is out :) I doubt they'll ever be as good as yours though.*

*Love you tons....##imported-begin##Michelle Offner  
Sys##imported-end##*

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June 08, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ *Fred and Connie, I am saddened to hear of the passing of your son Randy. Although I never had the honor of meeting him, the comments of others testify to the kindness and concern he had for others. May God be with and comfort all your family.*

*Cousin David Offner##imported-begin##David Offner##imported-end##*

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June 07, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time... Randy was trully a unselfish caring genuine person.##imported-begin##Brian Bitz##imported-end##*

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June 07, 2010 at 01:54 AM



“ *I was a classmate mate and friend of Randy's since grade school. Always enjoyed his company and friendship. So sorry his life was short; my best to all who loved Randy.##imported-begin##Rob Ingstad##imported-end##*

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June 06, 2010 at 04:34 PM



“ Dear Offner family,  
I was SO shocked and saddened by the news of Randy's passing! I have many great memories with him. The one that sticks out in my mind the most is from Mr.Heib's 10th grade Biology class. I had the privilege of sitting in front of Randy. He would always tell me how pretty I looked and tell me a joke or two. If ever there was a time I was having a down day, he would whistle through his nose and all was better. What a guy!!! Most in that same class will remember vividly when he ate the spider from a jar of his. That day he became revered :)

Even though our paths didn't cross too many times after high school, the few times I saw him, he was still the same kindhearted guy I always knew!!!

As I write this today, I am filled with sadness for the loss of such a beautiful soul, that spread only goodness to all those that crossed his path.

He was a man with the biggest heart. I figure that is why his life ended the way it did. That pure heart of his just couldn't contain all of the love that came bursting forth from it to all those that were blessed to have known him!

He will remain always in my heart and only the BEST of memories!!! I pray that you will know what a treasure he was to me. I am VERY proud to call him friend!!

May God be with you as you travel this journey of grief. I pray that HE will guide you and comfort you with HIS peace that passes ALL understanding!!!

Your Randy is and was a man that embodied and exemplified the word LOVE!!!!

I can only hope that my two boys have the kindness and compassion in their hearts to reach out to others as Randy did.

May God Bless You richly as you draw near to Him!!

With fond memories to cherish, I am better for having him in my life!!

God bless you all!!

With a heavy heart,

*Liscie-Kvilvang Bergstrand###imported-begin###Liscie Kvilvang-Bergstrand###imported-end###*

June 05, 2010 at 02:18 PM



*“ I am very sorry to hear about Randy! He was such a nice guy and I remember him being so funny in school! I am glad that I got to see him and visit with him last year at our class reunion. We had a good time. I am sorry for your loss and thinking of you all!*

*Nancy (Maresh) Melo###imported-begin###Nancy Maresh Melo###imported-end###*

June 05, 2010 at 09:59 AM



*“ Sorry to hear of Randy's passing. He was a friend, I will miss. I am sorry for the ones he leaves behind, but remember that we all have the wonderful memories of him to carry with us. He was allways there for his friends when they needed him and helped out. Hanging out at the farm, seeing out at the lake fishing, you were a true family freind you will be missed and always be in our hearts.###imported-begin###Cory Haugen & Lynne Lang###imported-end###*

June 05, 2010 at 02:16 AM



*“ I owned a bar in Sanborn, ND for 3 years and Randy would stop in and visit from time to time. He was always kind and courtious and usually had something funny to share. Randy will obviously be missed by many friends and family. Know that he is in the BEST PLACE now; making cookies, friends and everyone smile! God be with you Offners and family.###imported-begin###Dane Grebel###imported-end###*

June 04, 2010 at 01:50 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. He was a real sweet man, with a gentle soul. I've known him since elementary school and he has followed me through my growing up years, calling me every now and again, just to catch up. Whether it was in Fort Yates or here in Bismarck, he called because he cared. I pray that he is now calling on the many people that have passed on and enjoying his life disease and pain free. I pray for his family left behind and those cute kids who called on Uncle Randy...may his soul and the souls of all departed, rest in peace.###imported-begin##Sloane Floberg###imported-end##

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June 04, 2010 at 12:31 PM



“ It always especially sad when a teacher hears of a student's death. I too will always remember Randy's laugh and telling me jokes (that many times I didn't quite get.) At school he worked hard at the work placement jobs he'd get, and appreciated them and his employers. The last years I would see him coming or going from Pamida, and we'd visit. Rest in Peace, Randy, and peace now to the family who loved him. gerri harris###imported-begin##gerri harris###imported-end##

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June 04, 2010 at 09:36 AM



“ Randy.....it's been just a few days since we were together, but it seems like an eternity. I love and miss you so much. Although the hole in my heart runs deep,  
I know that you're ok, and that you're free. The time we had together has been cut too short, but we made a lifetime of memories in that time - some of which we better keep to ourselves!! Know that I love you, and always will. I will keep your memory alive in my heart as well as my kid's. They will forever love and miss there Uncle Randy. I will see you again...I promise. I love you.##imported-begin##Michelle Offner Sys##imported-end##

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June 02, 2010 at 10:44 PM



“ I am saddened to hear about Randy's passng. He is probably the friendliest, kind person I ever have known. Randy would always stop to talk to me whenever he saw me and would always make a joke and would seem so happy.

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me. Psalms 23:4*

*Shelley Horst-Schmidt (fellow friend and classmate of 1989)##imported-begin##Shelley Horst-Schmidt##imported-end##*

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June 02, 2010 at 09:26 PM



“ To the Offner family: I'm sorry to have read in the Fargo Forum of your son's passing. I will be letting my mother know, although she may know already. From the other e-mails sent to you it sounds like your son was a wonderful person. How very tragic and sad for all of you. Sincere sympathy to you from the Naas' and Bunde's. I still remember having the special privilege of carrying gifts in your wedding out at Center Lutheran Church. Again, heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Norean (Naas) Hoots###imported-begin###Norean (Naas) Hoots###imported-end##

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June 02, 2010 at 02:59 PM



“ Dear Offner's,  
How saddened I was when I heard of Randy's passing. I as others, have so many memories of Randy that I will cherish forever. May god hold you all in his arms at this time and until you all meet again.

With heartfelt sorrow,  
Sue (Maresh) Lloyd###imported-begin###Sue (Maresh)  
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June 01, 2010 at 11:28 PM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time! I would run into Randy @ Pamida or the grocery store & he always said " Hey good lookin'- what's happening?" He always had kind words to say and wanted to know how we were doing. We can all take life lessons from Randy- be kind to everyone, visit with everyone & smile no matter what! He was a true gift to all who knew him & we are grateful having known him. Hugs to your family!  
Matt & Nicole Powers###imported-begin###Nicole Powers###imported-end##

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June 01, 2010 at 10:57 PM



“ Randy you will be missed. I remember spending many days with Randy and his family growing up. Without having any brothers or sisters growing up he was as close as it came. Throught the years Randy has always been there at family gatherings and other times when I would see him with a smile on his face and a good story or joke to tell. I will miss you Randy.

Chad###imported-begin###Chad Stark###imported-end###

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June 01, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ Dear Friends,

Randy was always a great friend. I have terrific memories of times spent with him and his family. He always had a joke to share knowing it would make me smile. Even years after high school, Randy would call to tell me a joke he had heard that he knew would brighten my day. I am so thankful to have known him. As you grieve, please know that we are remembering you and honoring Randy's memory. I like to believe that when we lose someone close to us, their memories still live through us and those memories help to give us strength. Randy WILL ALWAYS be a special part of mine and my families life. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for the loss of your son, brother, grandson, uncle & dear friend. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Erik C. Larson###imported-end###

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June 01, 2010 at 08:03 PM



“ Connie, Fred, & family -

*I am so sorry. Losing a child is one of the saddest and most sorrowful parts of life that a parent could possibly experience, no matter how young or old he may be. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to ask.*

*Julie Mindt###imported-begin##Julie Mindt###imported-end##*

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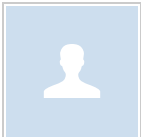
June 01, 2010 at 05:18 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Randy's death. I visited with him a number of times when we were neighbors and he was out driving and I was walking the dog. We usually talked about gardening and he was fun to visit with. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God's peace to you.###imported-begin##Beth Wieland Didier###imported-end##*

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June 01, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear of Randy's passing. I would see him around town from time-to-time and he was still as friendly as ever. I remember him in high school as a VERY kind hearted person. May God comfort you and hold your family in the comfort of his loving embrace at this time and down the road as you continue to mourn his loss. My prayers are with your family.###imported-begin##Heather (Coit) Schwehr###imported-end##*

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June 01, 2010 at 01:06 PM