



Charles "Chuck" VerBurst

August 17, 1959 - August 17, 2010

Charles E. "Chuck" VerBurst, 51, of N22236 Hansen Road in Niagara, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on Sept. 27, 1958, in Norway. Chuck was a 1977 graduate of Niagara High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Army. He served in Germany, Louisiana and Kentucky until his honorable discharge in 1981. Chuck worked as a logger for several years in Iola, Wis.

On Nov. 8, 1986, he married the former Sharon "Shari" Schroeder in Niagara. They returned to Niagara in 1987. Chuck worked in gas operations for We Energy.

Chuck loved the outdoors. He loved being outside doing anything, especially spending time with his grandson. Chuck was an avid hunter and had a wonderful sense of humor that carried the family through his battle with cancer. He enjoyed reading and traveling in the western states. Chuck always put his family first and was loved as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son and brother.

He is survived by his wife, Shari; daughters, Stacy (Dan) Melby of Rhinelander, Wis. and Nikki (Tim Carter) VerBurst of Niagara; Papa's pride and joy, grandson, Carter Melby; his mother, Joan VerBurst of Niagara;

sisters, Barbara (Tom) Aderman of Teage, Texas, Beverlie (Dave) Dodsworth of Niagara and Frances (John Bertoldi) Vandervest of Niagara; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Don and Nat Schroeder of Niagara; sisters-in-law, Sue Schroeder of Iron Mountain and Sandy (Dan) Recla of Niagara; brother-in-law, Scott (Sandy Krueger) Schroeder; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Francis "Pete" VerBurst and his baby brother, Douglas.

Visitation will be Saturday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Niagara Rescue Squad.

Condolences to the family of Charles "Chuck" VerBurst can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared.
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It is all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me-but let me go.*

You will always be missed!

Barbara Aderman - Sister - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Shari and family, I am very sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. I have tried keeping up-to-date on the family through your mom and dad's letters. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Joy Brand - Slinger, WI - September 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Shari & Family,*

*My thoughts and Prayers are with you.
I mostly knew Chuck through the love that you displayed for him
while telling stories at work. I know that he was a Fun-Kind- Loving
guy and when I did see him in the office or having a beer at Sikora,
he was always smiling.*

I know he will be missed.

*God Bless you Shari
& I hope you have peace.*

Chris Freeman

Chris Freeman - August 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *To the Family of Chuck, May God bless you all at this time of terrible
loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace at
the end of this long journey.*

May God Bless you all,

Tom and Shelly Giguere

Shelly Giguere - Niagara, WI - Friend - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I know Chuck was a great person
because Stacy always spoke very highly of him. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you...*

If you need anything, please let us know.

Boone & Melissa Melby - Rhinelander, WI - Brother & Sister-in-law - August 21,
2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Shari and family*

I am so sorry to hear about Chuck. I want you to know I am thinking of you and praying for your family. If you need anything please let me know. I just lost my dad yesterday to cancer. I know what you are going through.

Paula Stanek - green bay, WI - friend - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Chuck,*

I will always remember you as a person who always made me laugh and smile whenever I saw you, and the person who always had a funny joke ready for me whenever you saw me. I was always proud to say that you were part of my family, however we were related! I will miss you alot, and my heart goes out to all of your many friends, and your whole family, especially Sheri, Stacy and Nikki.

*Lots of love and prayers,
Becky*

Becky VanGinkel - Springdale, AR - Family - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Chuck,

It has been a long time since we have hunted together, but they are some of the best memories of my life. You have been more like a brother to me than a cousin, and I will miss you. Our whole family is saddened by your loss and our heart goes out to Sheri, Stacy and Nikki, along with the rest of the family. You will be greatly missed by many. We will see you again someday.

Lots of Love,

Kevin VanGinkel and Christina VanGinkel

Kevin and Tina VanGinkel - Niagara, WI - Family - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Knowing Chuck for 24 years, he will always hold a very special place in my heart. Since I was a kid, Chuck, my Dad (Uncle Jim) and my husband Mike would hunt together and share stories. Chuck's laugh was infectious! I know that he and my Dad are on a fabulous hunting trip together right now. My love to Shari, Stacy and Nikki in this time of sorrow.

*For every burden that we bear,
For every sorrow, every care,
There's a reason
For every grief that bows the head,
For every tear-drop that is shed,
There's a reason
For every hurt, for every plight,
For every lonely pain racked night,
There's a reason
But if we trust God as we should,
All must work out for our good,
He knows the reason.*

*Love you all,
Charmaine, Mike and Brianna Jankowski*

Charmaine Jankowski - West Bend, WI - Cousin to Shari - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Uncle Chuck was a big loss for the family he left behind. We all will miss him, especially aunt Sheri, Staci, Niki and his grandson. Unckle Chuck was a big influence in my life, someone I looked up to and loved very much. Heaven is awful lucky !!!!!!!!!!! Miss ya

Pete Aderman - Teague, TX - Nephew - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Stacy, Nikki and Shari. I always remember Chuck picking Gabby and Nikki up and chauffeuring them around place to place. He always had a smile on his face and was willing to do things for others. We know he will always love his girls. We were extremely delighted and lucky to have known Chuck. Wish we were in Niagara to be with you guys. Our condolences from Washington State.

Sandra Gabriela and Brian Jones

Brian Sandra and Gabriela Jones - Sequim , WA - Family Friends - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Chuck and I have known each other for 33 years and I was very lucky to gain him as a brother in law. He loved my sister, Shari so very much. As she did him. He was the best daddy to Stacy and Nikki and loved his grandson Carter so much. I will miss him daily and I am honored to have had him in our live's! We will all see him again someday!

Tweet - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ you are the greatest uncle i could have ever have. i love you and miss you very much.

Megan Moscou - Wamego, KS - Niece - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Stacey and family, although I never knew you I am blessed to know your daughter. Her character speaks well of her upbringing and can only imagine the man which you were! I know you will be very missed by your family , but know they will move forward due to the excellent values and morals you instilled in them ! Gone but never to be forgotten!

Tom Boutelle - Rhinelander, WI - August 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Truly the best daddy and papa ever. He is loved soooo much and will be missed more than ever. We hold you in our hearts and will never let you go. One day we will all be together again. Please watch over us until then.

Love,
Stacy

Stacy Melby - Daughter - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Shari-Our prayers and sympathies are with you and your family...Chuck was so full of life always....remember how many times we bumped into each other in walmart?

Rich (Larson) and I will see you at the services...
Take care hon!
Suzanne

Suzanne Anderson - Iron Mountain, MI - friend of Shari - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Shari.... I was so very saddened to learn of your loss....

When I am Gone

*"When I am gone, release me. Let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years.
I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say welcome home..."*

Author Unknown

Doni-Mae B. Rauch - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM