

## Gregory J. Sauer

February 8, 1951 - September 9, 2017

Gregory Sauer, 66-year-old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at his residence. A visitation will be held from 4 p.m. –7 p.m. with a Celebration of Life Service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Holy Cross Center in Onamia, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Gregory J. Sauer was born on February 8, 1951 in Little Falls, MN to Alfred and Rose (Stellmach) Sauer. Greg was the youngest of 10 children. He grew up on the family farm in Buckman, MN till the age of 5. In 1956 the family moved to Anoka, MN. Greg attended St. Stephen's Catholic School for 8 years and graduated from Anoka High School in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969-1972. Greg married Sharon "Shari" Johnson September 20, 1975 at Church of Epiphany in Coon Rapids, MN. They had 3 children Carrie, Justin, and Branden. Greg worked at Hoffman Engineering in Anoka, MN for 28 years. He worked at Stuffy's Meat Market as a meat cutter. Greg loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed hunting, salmon fishing, riding four wheelers, and telling jokes. He loved to gamble, he wasn't scared to "scratch a few lottery tickets" or "double down on a hand of black jack." Gregory is survived by his wife, Sharon "Shari" of Onamia, MN; and their children, Carrie (Anders) Moen of Fridley, MN, Justin (Teri) Sauer of Hillman, MN, Branden Sauer of Onamia, MN; grandchildren, Cory Kappeller and Carter Sauer; brothers, Maurice "Gene" (Geri) Sauer of Wasilla, AK, Alfred "Butch" (Rosemaria) Sauer of Barstow, CA and Gilbert "Gib" (Debbie) Sauer of

Buckman, MN; sisters, Maxine Skiba, of Pierz, MN, Virginia Rezac of Apache Junction, AZ; and many nieces and nephews.

He was Preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Rose; sisters, Alice Shoberg, Lou Prokosch, Betty Brown, and Marrienne Holewa.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Center - Onamia  
102 Crosier Drive  
Onamia, MN 56359

## Service

SEP **14.** 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory J. Sauer*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Sauer.*



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September 14, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to family and friends. May all your good memories outweigh your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)*

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**chris c** - September 14, 2017 at 08:56 AM

VB

“ Aunt Shari and all the Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Greg. I am very glad to have decided to come up to the family reunion in July and see everyone. Uncle Greg took the time to have a one on one with me & Jeff and it was a good memorable conversation. I always had such fun times at the gatherings and events you would host at your homes. One of those times was a hayride of some sort thru the woods on some narrow bumpy trail at night. It was fun and scary at the same time and every once in awhile, Uncle Greg would stop and yell back to us to check & make sure we didn't loose anybody on the way! And I must say Uncle Greg could put on a pig roast like no other! I remember him as a soft spoken man with such a big heart and a kind soul and he will be greatly missed. Love Val Brown

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**Valerie Brown** - September 13, 2017 at 09:48 PM

GF

“ We, Gene (his oldest brother), and I, Gerri, always enjoyed visiting with him. Being the youngest, he was good with my older children, even watching them for me, when we visited.... As he got older, and we visited, he was always loving, easy going, happy with that great smile of his. We loved Shari, Carrie, Justin and Branden, as we got to know them. What a beautiful family, that did so many things together. Know this is a hard time for them, God be with them daily. And know that we love you all, always. Love Gene and Gerri and family

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**Gene and Gerri and family** - September 12, 2017 at 11:46 PM

JE

“ I have a great love of the outdoors and in looking back on why Greg Sauer comes to mind as a youngster 8 years old I used to go and trap Gophers with him I thought that was the coolest thing shortly after that he introduced me to hunting to which I enjoy to this day whether it was Squirrel hunting around uncle Jacks farm or walking along the railroad tracks outside of Anoka bird hunting having Greg show me the right way to do it was a special time for me Thanks Greg

John eide - September 12, 2017 at 08:59 PM

TF

“ The Jack & Marianne Holewa Family purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Gregory J. Sauer.



The Jack & Marianne Holewa Family - September 12, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Sauer.



September 12, 2017 at 08:31 PM

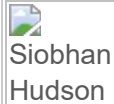


“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Sauer.* ”



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September 12, 2017 at 05:26 PM



Siobhan  
Hudson

“ Aunt Shari, Carrie, Justin, Branden - there are no words. Uncle Greg was an amazing man, but you all know that.

*It's so hard to choose a single favorite memory of Uncle Greg. One of my early memories is of him standing me on a chair in front of the stove and teaching me to cook eggs. Visiting in Anoka he was endlessly patient with my questions as he let me poke through his things, for some reason I think I recall a guitar – did he play at one time? When I was a teen he rescued me, literally, and brought me home to stay with him and Shari until I could get to my mother's. They were newly married. I didn't fully comprehend the magnitude of their generosity at the time. I do now.*

*A generation passed before I saw my uncle again. I married, had children and grandchildren of my own and what I will forever hold dear, is the joy on Greg's face, that amazing smile, the absolute love with which he greeted me when we reunited. Truly I felt like the “prodigal” niece returning home – it didn't matter where I had been or why I hadn't come sooner, it only mattered that I was there – and he was going to hug me to pieces and shower me with love while I was. So if I have to choose a single memory it is that Greg loved with ALL his heart, that love wasn't reserved just for his family, but certainly we were most blessed by it.*

*Jesus told us to love others as he has loved us. Greg, more than anyone I know, took that to heart. We are separated from Greg in this life, but his love for us lives on, our love for him lives on, until we meet again.*

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**Siobhan Hudson** - September 12, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Sauer.*



September 12, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Dale And Bernice Sonterre lit a candle in memory of Gregory J. Sauer*



**Dale and Bernice Sonterre** - September 12, 2017 at 01:58 PM



*We send our prayers to the family, give them strength to get through the days ahead.*

**Dale and Bernice Sonterre** - September 12, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *I regret I can't be there to attend the celebration of life service for Uncle Greg I am very glad I got to see him and spend time with him last September. As always, it was great hanging out and chatting with him...such a kind and peaceful guy, easy to converse with him. I will miss him....*



**Lauri Eide** - September 12, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Sauer.*



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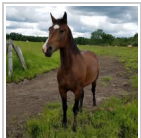
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“ *I wish I could be there for the celebration of life. I remember when we came for the reunion in 94 or 95, I loved staying up with Dad 'Gib' and his siblings and just listening to everyone talk. Uncle Greg, who had a few by that point, would be standing there, swaying forward and back, rocking from the front of his toes to the back of his heels. There was a beautiful small smile on his face, and every once in a while, he would purse his lips, ever so slightly. That's one of my favorite memories of him. Just so happy, to be with family. Love you Uncle Greg, Alayna*

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**Alayna Johnson** - September 11, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ *Greg was always kind to me and Joe enjoyed talking with him when the cows were in thr pasture at your place. Shari, Justin, Brandon, and Carrie and to your families, I am so very sorry for your loss! You are all in my family's prayers. I know this is a difficult time for your family. The Roger Johnson Family*

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**Anissa Johnson Brobst** - September 11, 2017 at 10:04 PM



“ *Shari, we are so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are we you and your family at this most difficult*

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**Tim and Sue Jaworski** - September 11, 2017 at 07:50 PM

SM

“ Shari and family, so sorry for your loss. Greg was a great guy. He will be missed by many.

Sandy and Dan Monson - September 11, 2017 at 07:41 PM

KH

“ Sending sympathy and prayers to the family. "RIP Greg." May you rest in the palm of GOD's hands and your memories live in the hearts of everyone who loved you.  
May God Bless  
Kathie and George Hennessy

Kathie Hennessy - September 11, 2017 at 06:39 PM

CB

“ Greg was a delight to deal to I loved his smile and loved chatting with him he will be truly missed



cheryl benjamin - September 11, 2017 at 05:49 PM

PR

“ Sauer family, We are so saddened by the news of this loss. We send our most heartfelt sympathies to you all. Greg was just the most kindest, gentlest man ever. I will never forget the way those great hugs felt.. and the smile he always wore. He truly was one of the good ones. Lots of love and hugs to you all. Patti Rowert

Patti Rowert - September 11, 2017 at 02:10 PM

AN

“ *Shari and family, please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss! Uncle Greg was like another one of my brothers, as well as being one of my very favorite uncles. He had such a sweet temperament and babysat me and my sister Juline frequently. He could tease us, and he did it so gently that we didn't get our feelings hurt. He was always so warm and welcoming whenever we got together; he made us feel like no time had passed even if it had been years. With much love and a big hug to you all - Aleta (Eide) Nimlos and family*

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**Aleta Nimlos** - September 11, 2017 at 01:34 PM