



Randolph "Randy" J. Balaski

April 21, 1952 - July 14, 2010

Randolph "Randy" J. Balaski was born on April 21, 1952 in Little Falls, Minnesota to the late Edward & Dolores (Schuett) Balaski. He graduated from Little Falls High School in 1970. For the past 9 years Randy was employed with the Little Falls School District as a custodian. He was previously employed with 7-UP Bottling for 12 years and Dr. Pepper Bottling for 21 years both were located in Little Falls. Randy enjoyed playing and listening to music, especially the guitar and juke boxes. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, volleyball, biking, telling jokes, camping, traveling, giving hugs, watching the Twins and Vikings. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Randy is survived by his daughter, Sarah (James) Fisher; sons, Jesse, Michael and David Balaski; step-children, Jamie (Victoria) VonderHaar, Ethan (Santhi) VonderHaar and Natasha VonderHaar; granddaughter, Lilliana Rose Balaski; brother, James (Donna) Balaski all of Little Falls, MN; sister, Diane (Noel) Gaboury of Merrifield, MN; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Randy is preceded in death by his parents, Edward & Dolores Balaski. Pallbearers will be Billy Lashinski, Sam Bloom, Mike Umlauf, Mike VanHeel, Josh Nelson and David Nelson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Randolph "Randy" J. Balaski*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - July 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Randolph "Randy" J. Balaski*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Randys family. It is so said he passed at a early age. I'm the same age as Randy really make you think how short life really is.*

Randy was a wonderrful man and will be missed very deeply by many.

god bless you all

Love lives within our hearts he will be there forever.##imported-

begin##Joyce Hanson, Bonnie & Gary Varness and

family##imported-end##

July 21, 2010 at 03:28 AM



“ Randy was always kind and caring for all of us at Lincoln School Kids' Korner. He was always there with a helping hand. He will be deeply missed by his kind smile and big heart.##imported-begin##wendy rutz##imported-end##

July 19, 2010 at 08:53 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Randy was an awesome guy who always had a smile for you. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Scott and Lori Williams##imported-end##

July 19, 2010 at 06:05 PM



“ To the family of Randy. My heart is sad with the loss of a good man. I will forever remember him as the Dr. Pepper Man! He always had a goofy grin on his face which of course made me smile as well. Randy you were kind and polite and raised some outstanding kids. Rest in peace, Randy.##imported-begin##Rob Olson##imported-end##

July 19, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ Jim & Sarah, Sorry for the loss of your father. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Rita & Doug LeMieur##imported-end##

July 19, 2010 at 11:10 AM



“ Randy and I go way back! We were best friends the summer before we started Kindergarten together in 1957. Growing up, we used to see who could climb the highest in a tree and who had the largest bird nest collection. The school years went by fast! In High School, he had his '56 Ford and I had my '53 Ford. We had many memorable times while working after school for Frank Kobilka at the Sanitary Bakery. Then in 1977, I moved to Washington state, seeking better employment. Every year that I traveled back to Minnesota, we got together. We would either go to Billy and Grace Nelson's for a night of playing cards or sit by the firepit and talk about old times and update the new ones. I will miss you, My Friend!###imported-begin###Lloyd G. Adamski###imported-end##

July 18, 2010 at 06:43 PM



“ Jim{Cowboy} and Diane, I am so sorry to hear about Randy, I have known him for so many years mostly the "wild 1960's and 70's!, and have many great memories from those years! From reading the awesome tributes Randy led a life full of friends and children that thought the world of him. I still remember when his Mom wanted to get a rise out of him all she had to do was call him her special nickname..."bunny"..now they are in Heaven together watching over all of their loved ones. Take care, Sandy {Bzdok-Adamski}###imported-begin###Sandy Wright-Olson###imported-end##

July 18, 2010 at 02:16 PM



“ you had the heart
you had the strength
you had the soul
you lived life never waisting a moment
never afraid to say I love you
the lessons you lived the honesty of who you are will be the legacy
our childern and grandchildern..how will I ever ease this pain.....your
words run through my thoughts each day ,I only pray for half the
strength that you would have had for our childern
Jesse,Michael,David And Sarah...if it was me they were putting to
rest...BUT I WILL DO MY BEST...forever in my heart
Nancy###imported-begin###nancy###imported-end##

July 18, 2010 at 01:42 PM



“ Jim and Diane,
My symapathies on the loss of your brother Randy. The past
memories we had will not be forgotten as neighbors/freinds.
We all know life goes on and with the thought that other people feel
your pain helps ease your burden.
Jerry Adamski###imported-begin###Jerry Adamski###imported-end##

July 18, 2010 at 09:21 AM



“ We were so lucky to have knowen you. You were always there to
listen and never judged, you were always willing to lend a hand
when ever we needed one. You will be greatly missed and always
loved.###imported-begin###James and Sarah Schleif###imported-
end##

July 17, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ You'll always have a special place in my heart - I'll always remember you w/ fond memories and think of you whenever I see a sunset. So glad you were a part of mine and Lilliana's life. Rest in Peace.##imported-begin##Sara Jo Mock##imported-end##

July 17, 2010 at 12:01 PM



“ What can i say? I honestly do not know. I worked with randy at Dr. Pepper. that is where i got to know him well. it was funny the first time i met him there we did not know each other he just looked like someone i seen before. I knew i had a cousin named Jesse Balaski however that is about as far as it went. then i think it was the second week i worked there my dad asked if i had met Randy. i said yes and confused i asked how he knew him. then he told me and it made sense why he looked familiar. After that i started to talk with him as much as i could. soon after some of the guys at Dr. Pepper started to call Randy my ex-uncle-in-law and that kinda stuck. Randy was more then a ex-uncle-in-law he was a friend. Randy will be missed. i always looked forward to seeing randy at the family gatherings. there are a lot of stories i was told by Randy when we worked together. and some that i was told about Randy by the guys i worked with. one that sticks out in my mind that i told Ann about after the first time she met Randy. i think it was Dale and Brian there dad was part owner of Dr. Pepper well they came up the the little falls shop and in the back corner of the shop behind some pallets and supplies Randy had two deer hanging up. and they told me that they were does and Randy had just buck tags. i dont know if they were telling me the truth about the tags but i always thought it was so funny. i will miss you Randy.##imported-begin##Jesse Nelson##imported-end##

July 17, 2010 at 12:18 AM



“ I was shocked when I heard of Randy's passing.. I've known Randy for quite a few years. I worked with him at Dr. Pepper and helped him on the route at times.. I will miss all the laughter and good times we had together.. I will always remember Randy.. My thought and prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Greg Ploof##imported-end##

July 16, 2010 at 10:50 PM



“ Randy will be missed at Lincoln School. He was the person every afternoon who told me to have a nice evening as my workday was finished , and he had just started his shift. He usually had a story for me most days. But he had a smile on his face everyday.##imported-begin##kris lochner##imported-end##

July 16, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ I visited with Randy every day when he came to clean my room after school at Lincoln. He was a kind man with a gentle soul. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Carol Larson##imported-end##

July 16, 2010 at 12:02 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Erica Hudson##imported-end##

July 15, 2010 at 11:49 PM



“ I never thought you would go so soon. You have been in my life since I was 7 or 8 and u have played a huge roll in my life teaching me, caring for me as one of your own, and doing everyting possible for me to keep me safe and happy. Randy, I remember you telling me after my dad died that, my father asked of you, if you would take care of me if anything happened to him ;(You have done such a wonderful job of filling his shoes after he was taken from me. Now I have lost you ;(Though you left all of us with love in your heart for each one of us, Including your significant other of 20 years/friend my mother Diane VonderHaar. I am so haapy to have had you in my life. Thank you Randy and I love and miss you soooo much. I bet you have much to tell my father in Heaven. :)###imported-begin###Natasha VonderHaar###imported-end###

July 15, 2010 at 08:23 PM



“ Randy will truly be missed. He always had a smile and joke. I have many fond memories of him as a young child, going on road trips to North Dakota in the van, drinking unlimited amounts of pop from the machine in the garage and getting in lots and lots of trouble! He was a great dad, stepfather and I bet an even funner grandpa! I am so sorry for your loss and will you keep you in our prayers.###imported-begin###Adelle Chisholm###imported-end###

July 15, 2010 at 07:31 PM



“ Family,

I am so sad to hear about Randy. Every since I was in 10 yrs old he treated me like his son. Everything from delivering pop with Dave, to Dave kicking me in head while jumping on the trampoline at Randy's house and him standing calling us "fools".

My heart goes out to all of you, I know it's hard for me to accept, but I can't imagine what you guys are going through. If you need anything, know I'm here.##imported-begin##Adam Roering##imported-end##

July 15, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ Randy - You were so nice to Jesse and I and always flirted and had hugs for me. Or maybe you just tolerated my flirting with you!! Jesse was so excited when you asked to go see his house that night at Sarah's B-day party at Jesse Balaski's house. You guys were there for a couple hours. I will miss you very much. I pray for strength for your children to get through this. Don't worry they are surrounded by awesome people (but you knew that already).##imported-begin##Amanda Wooden##imported-end##

July 15, 2010 at 12:07 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Randy at Lindbergh, and he was one of the kindest guys I have ever known. He would do anything for the staff and students at the school. Please know that he will be missed - and never forgotten.##imported-begin##Mary Hanson##imported-end##

July 14, 2010 at 11:39 PM



“ *My your memories help you find peace during this difficult time. Randy was the most caring, giving person at "Our School". He gave so much to the children, and helped our PTA, DARE Program, and so many other events his utmost assistance. He will truly be missed by all of us at Lincoln, and by my own family. May he rest in peace and sit among the many Saints in Heaven.*

He was so gracious for the years he spent at Lindbergh and my father-in-law Clarence had the opportunity to work with him there. Again giving his all, and pleasing the faculty and students.

Randy is somewhere now catching the big fish, or hunting that deer. Take care of yourselves as he would want you to, as family.

JanMarie Weidenbach - Lincoln PTA and from my entire family##imported-begin##JanMarie & Craig Weidenbach##imported-end##

July 14, 2010 at 11:24 PM