



## Daniel Sauvageau

October 14, 1951 - May 15, 2018

After a brief battle with cancer, Daniel Sauvageau passed away the morning of Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Daniel was born in Hull, Canada, to Eugene and Anita Sauvageau. He loved his French Canadian heritage and left Quebec only when it became too expensive to continue a long distance dating relationship! So in 1989 he married Mary Bjerke and moved to Minneapolis, where he was known by one of his young nieces as Daniel, the French “comedian”. He went back to school and changed occupations, from working on phone lines at Bell Canada to IT networking here in the US; he was recently retired. In August, 1997, Mary and Daniel brought home their son Jose, from Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Daniel loved gardening and cooking and thought everything tasted better with a good French sauce and smooth jazz playing in the background.

He also enjoyed traveling, but never more than when he was with his son and buddie, Jose. Daniel was active in Special Olympics for many years, cheering on Jose and his friends; he was an adoring father. He certainly wasn't a perfect person, but Mary always felt “...he was perfect for me”.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jose; parents and brothers-in-law, Bernard Allaire and David Blehm.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Bjerke; siblings, Monique Allaire, Michel (Louise) Sauvageau and Jacqueline (Serge) Swanson; in-laws, Julie Blehm, Rebecca (John) Mason, Beth (Bill) Remington, Carol Bjerke and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Special thanks to his doctors and nurses at the Roger Maris Cancer Center and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Interment will be at a later date at St. John Cemetery, Hatton, ND, where his son rests.

Memorials can be made to Special Olympics North Dakota - Cass County (Area 6), P.O. Box 308, Fargo, ND 58107.

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Messiah Lutheran Church

2010 Elm Street North, Fargo, ND, US, 58102

**MAY** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Mary and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. He was a courageous, genuine, smart and fun person. He touched so many lives and made things better. Please find comfort in knowing how many people love you and send you strength and healing during this difficult time.

Kris and Wally Carlson



**Kris Carlson** - May 21, 2018 at 10:17 PM

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“ Mary, my sympathies on Daniel's passing. In reading about Daniel, it sounds like he was a wonderful husband and father. I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.

Brenda Glueckstein

**Brenda Glueckstein** - May 21, 2018 at 06:43 PM

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“ Mary, I am so sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. He was a wonderful man with a kind heart. He had the ability to always make Bobby smile and I appreciated that so much! Praying for peace for you, my friend.

Chelle and Wayne, Bobby, Mali, and Nick LeMier

**Chelle LeMier** - May 21, 2018 at 12:48 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Sauvageau.



May 18, 2018 at 01:03 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. He was such a compassionate person and had a kind heart. Jose was lucky to have him for a father. Thoughts and prayers for you.  
Donna Atherton

**Donna ATHERTON** - May 18, 2018 at 12:59 AM

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“ Rob Lein lit a candle in memory of Daniel Sauvageau



**Rob Lein** - May 17, 2018 at 07:33 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Daniel at Pepsi in Fargo. I live in North Fargo he would see me on one of my walks and hear my name and wonder who was that in the little green car, he stuck his head out and gave me a big smile and wave and I recognized him with his long grey hair. Yelled for him to come in to get haircut from me. He was such a nice man I was glad to know him. My Prayers are with his family.

Tammy Schoenfeld

**Tammy Schoenfeld** - May 17, 2018 at 03:38 PM

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“ Mary, our hearts are aching for you and your family. Daniel was a gift to so many, and especially those who were accepted, encouraged and loved by him in Special Olympics. I will never forget in track, when Shena was lagging behind, which she usually was, and not too motivated to do her laps, all Daniel had to say was "hey there Shena", and off she went with a smile on her face. Sending our support, our love and prayers to you my dear.

Jayne, Tom and Shena Holtgrewe

**Jayne Holtgrewe** - May 17, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“ Oh Mary, my heart aches for you!  
With love and prayers that God gives you strength and comfort,  
Jackie Dymit

jackie Dymit - May 17, 2018 at 09:57 AM

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“ Mary & family.....

So sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. Daniel had a wonderful sense of humor and easily made a connection with those with special needs. His kindness and compassion was evident by the smiles, hand shakes and hugs he shared with the athletes. Memories of when he coached Jose' & Logan for bowling will always bring a smile! He has touched many lives and will never be forgotten. Hugs and prayers as you navigate through the coming days.

Mike, Karen & Logan Moore

Karen Moore - May 17, 2018 at 09:25 AM

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“ Humor, compassion, empathy. A few of the things this wonderful man brought to the table. Daniel's family got a great gift in this man. Thank you for sharing. I had the pleasure of working with Daniel at Pepsi in Fargo. Rest in peace my friend.

Lynn Rhinhart - May 16, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ So sad to see this. Prayers and condolences for his family. I enjoyed working with Daniel at Pepsi in Fargo years ago. He was such a kind man. Thinking of his family during this difficult time

Tara Teal - May 17, 2018 at 07:42 AM

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“ Daniel was a good man and a faithful Member of our Men's Tuesday night meeting. He was a good man who expressed love and gratitude for his family, for his wife, Mary and their son, Jose Daniel, who he loved so much and talked about often at our meetings. They are together again with their Higher Power. Prayers of Peace to Mary and other loved ones who know the family.  
David B.

David Bossart - May 16, 2018 at 11:15 AM