



## David Dale Isaak

February 16, 1967 - September 26, 2021

Dave's Tribute video can be viewed here: <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/FZ4KKJ24C2QNJPKY>

Dave's service can be viewed here: <https://boxcast.tv/view/david-dale-isaak-service-uehs706js2quvsa7djjn>

David Dale Isaak was born on February 16, 1967, to Larry and Lois Isaak of Fargo, ND. Dave grew up in Bismarck, ND, where he excelled as a talented athlete. He wrestled on state championship teams in high school and went on to wrestle in college at BSC and Minot State. While attending Minot State University, he met his wife Sharyl (Shari Schulz) Isaak. They were married on June 29, 1991, in Washburn, ND.

Post college, Dave taught at Minot High before moving to Fargo, to work in the family business. He was a successful businessman working countless hours to grow and improve the hotels he and his wife owned in both Fargo and Grand Forks. The many hours he spent in his business were all hands on, from procuring new contracts to changing over rooms when needed. If you ever had the chance to see him at the hotel working you would be met with a wide welcoming smile as you saw him diligently working through whatever was needed that day. He worked extremely hard to be able to share his legacy with his two boys, Grant and Victor.

Dave was able to serve our country through service in the Army National Guard before retiring with 20 years of service at the rank of Major. Dave was awarded the outstanding officer of the year in both 1995 and 2003.

Dave's greatest joy and accomplishments in life were all centered around his love and service toward his family. He spent countless hours volunteering in the kids' sports, including both Swimming and Football. As a member of the Lions Club he was presented with the Melvin Jones Award, which was awarded because of his work with the Lion's All-Star Basketball team. Additionally, Dave was willing to help anyone and spent many

countless hours in the community volunteering. Dave would do anything for anyone, and just enjoyed truly being helpful to others.

Dave had an infectious personality; he would light up the room when entering. He was able to talk to anyone, and he always had a story to tell. Above the entryway to the Isaak home reads a quote from Abraham Lincoln "It doesn't matter the years you live; it matters what you do with those years." Dave did just that. He lived life to its fullest, he accomplished an incredible amount, and he did so as he loved his family fiercely.

On Sunday, September 26, 2021, Dave passed away peacefully in his sleep of natural causes. David is preceded in death by his mother (Lois Isaak). He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Shari; sons, Grant and Victor Isaak; father, Larry Isaak; sisters, Jeanine Doerr, and Debbie Dosch (Mark), as well as many nieces and nephews, friends and co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Gateway Lions or Hope Lutheran Church.

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# Cemetery

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## Fargo National Cemetery

8712 40th Ave. N.

Harwood, ND, 58042

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hope Lutheran Church - South Campus

3636 25th Street South, Fargo, ND, US, 58103

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Hope Lutheran Church - South Campus

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - September 30, 2021 at 01:58 PM

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“ A webcast video has been added.



Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - September 30, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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“ My first mentor. He was a great leader who impacted many people's lives! I actually wrote a paper on him for my Leadership class in college...as an exemplar leader. Thoughts for his family!

Jen Douglass - May 16 at 03:37 PM

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“ Shari and Family I served with Dave in the Guard. Dave was one of the best officers I ever knew. He was always trying to find a way to make everything better. Dave pursued perfection and made our unit a better place to be because of his enthusiasm and fountain of new ideas. The world lost a bright light when Dave passed . Watching his tribute video made me glad I shared a small part of his wonderful life. He is missed.

Dr Bob Nyre  
Colonel (Ret) NDARNG Med Det

Bob Nyre - November 24, 2021 at 09:31 PM

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“ Shari and Family. My heart breaks for all of you. I just got done watching the service and tribute and was overwhelmed by the beautiful life you have built together. Cling to God and each other. Watching reminded me of a quote I heard not too long ago- If we saw heaven the way God saw heaven, we would applaud more when our loved ones got to go.

**John Schaffer** - October 01, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My thoughts & prayers go out to you & your family.  
Kathy Zelmer

**Kathy Zelmer** - October 01, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ We at the City of Fargo are so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. He was one of the good ones that made our jobs enjoyable. We will miss working with him and his positive attitude

Steve Sprague, City Auditor

**Steve Sprague** - October 08, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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“ Bev Rick sent a virtual gift in memory of David Dale Isaak



**Bev Rick** - September 30, 2021 at 04:16 PM

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“ I'm Dave's aunt who lives on the west coast.

I remember when Dave was born. I was 8 years old and was in St. Luke's hospital for something, and so was my mother (Dave's grandmother Eleanor,) and so was my sister Lois to have her baby. Larry came to my room to ask my opinion about names, and of those being considered, just one rang true: David.

He was the baby I held and the kid I would watch, such a tremendous bundle of energy from the very beginning.

I moved to the coast while Dave was still in junior high, so I missed the wrestling matches and seeing him in uniform. Still, he was always in my heart, and thankfully as he grew into a man, we would reunite many times at my home or his or weddings, and yes, at funerals. I last saw him just before Covid hit, and it never occurred to me I wouldn't see him again.

But I know he is in the arms of his mother Lois, and with his cousin Terry, and that he is well and enthralled with the newness of the spiritual universe where his light shines so brightly.

I will see you again, Dave, when it is my time. Harry and I wrap you and our family in love.

Aunt Sue



**Sue Wilson Cowan** - September 30, 2021 at 01:30 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I worked with him in past years in hosting our groups that visited Fargo. He was always so accommodating and friendly. He will be dearly missed. My sympathies to his family.

**Linda Briggs** - September 30, 2021 at 10:45 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 30, 2021 at 08:43 AM

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“ I'm so sad to hear the news about Dave, he was such a giver to so many projects. He and his company was so supportive of the Dakota Swim Coaches Clinic, one of the top coaching clinics in the Midwest. He and I had some great stories and a lot of laughs telling them. He will be missed. I will miss you my friend.

My thoughts and prayers for all of Isaak Family.

**Mike Stromberg** - September 30, 2021 at 08:14 AM

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“ I met Dave in Oct of 1974, it was 2nd grade at Dorothy Moses. It was my very first day of school since my family had just moved to Bismarck. I remember crying as my mom and I walked up the front sidewalk to the school office. After I got to my new classroom the school day was already underway. We were seated in little four desk pods and my back was to Dave as he was in an adjacent group. He leaned over and said to me, “I'll be your friend”.

I've told that story many times and I'm so sorry that he is gone, he made a difference for me that day, that I have always remembered.

Dave Saiki

**David Saiki** - September 30, 2021 at 08:02 AM

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“ 26 files added to the album Memories Album



sharyl isaak - September 30, 2021 at 07:44 AM

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“ Dave was definitely a bright light in this world! His cheerful disposition and generous spirit will be dearly missed! Praying for God’s strength, comfort, and peace to carry you through the days ahead.  
With our love and sympathy,  
Lance & Ruth Bergstrom and Family

Ruth Bergstrom - September 29, 2021 at 11:33 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dave’s passing, he is a great guy and had a contagious smile! To Dave’s family, you are in our prayers. May he Rest In Peace!  
God Bless you  
Toby Schweitzer

Toby Schweitzer - September 29, 2021 at 11:11 PM

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“ Dave was a mentor and a friend. He helped me succeed as a manager through coaching and by example. He had a strong work ethic! He introduced me to the Gateway Lions and helped me navigate through my year as president. He will be greatly missed.

Karen Breiner - September 29, 2021 at 09:57 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 29, 2021 at 09:16 PM

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“ Shari, Vic, and Grant,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May wonderful memories give you peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Bubba Schweigert

**Bubba Schweigert** - September 29, 2021 at 07:30 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 29, 2021 at 07:11 PM

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“ Shari, Grant, Victor, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you faith, hope, love, peace, while family and friends support you now and in the days to come! Cherish and hold on to all your memories of Dave as I know they were special. Know he loved and was so proud of each of you. Hugs...

**The Mastel's** - September 29, 2021 at 04:14 PM

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“ We are so sorry to learn of David's passing . Always enjoyed our conversations with him when we would spend Noc's at Expressway. We always stayed at his motel now that our folks have passed and truly enjoyed our stay.  
May God grant you "Beautiful Memories" and comfort in the days and months ahead.  
Our deepest sympathy.  
Grant & Lois Kalbfleisch  
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G & L Kalbfleisch - September 29, 2021 at 03:50 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 29, 2021 at 03:11 PM

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“ I have not known Dave very long. I am an employee at the Expressway Suites in Grand Forks. Hearing of his passing ripped a hole in my heart. Dave was a great boss, filled with passion for what we did, as well as compassion for the people around him.

In just a short time he taught me so much. I will hold those lessons close to me as we move down this new journey. Dave you will be missed. Thank you for the opportunities and chances you gave me.

Roger Smisek - September 29, 2021 at 02:56 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 29, 2021 at 12:42 PM

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“ Shari and Family, I'm so sorry to read of David's passing. I do remember his wide smile and friendly words. May you all find comfort in his peaceful passing.

**Robyn Wimmer** - September 29, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to David's family. Always enjoyed a visit with him...a good guy!  
Prayers for all family and Rest In Peace,Dave.

**Pete and Dee Baumgartner** - September 29, 2021 at 10:37 AM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of David's passing. I was married to his cousin, Terry Hendrickson, for many years. I know Terry was there in God's beautiful kingdom to welcome him home. Prayers for comfort and strength to David's family and friends.

**Michelle Hendrickson Schumann** - September 29, 2021 at 10:35 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 29, 2021 at 10:20 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 29, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ SMCHS wrestling family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Dale Isaak.



SMCHS wrestling family - September 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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“ I have been working with Dave a while. He was always there for you as employee and friend. He has taught me so much that I will cherish for my life. My thoughts and prayers are with Dave and his family. God bless

Karie Kjonaas - September 29, 2021 at 09:47 AM

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“ I worked for Dave and his family many years ago at the Expressway Inn doing their remodeling and carpentry work, it was so great to have met and worked for the family. Dave always had that smile and energy. Shari so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My thoughts and prays for you and your family at this truly hard time. God Bless, Les Rheault

Les Rheault - September 29, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 29, 2021 at 08:55 AM

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“ Shari, Grant, and Victor, the Norton family feels so deeply for your loss! Dave was such a part of our lives the entire time we lived in Fargo! Whether our boys swimming together, playing together, swim travel trips, dinners, lunches, the memories go on. He was an amazing person. He was the type of person that would do something for you because he enjoyed helping and giving-not expect anything in return. He was a friend to us and we will always remember him.

Elaine Norton - September 29, 2021 at 02:59 AM

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“ I was heartbroken when I heard that Dave had passed. I worked for him for 7 years in my early twenties. He was my first mentor in the hospitality industry and I owe much of my success in my career to Dave. He taught me to work hard, be loyal, and have fun.

Larry, Shari, and family...my heart aches for your loss. Dave was one-of-a-kind and he will be missed.

Rachel



Rachel Nerby - September 29, 2021 at 02:35 AM

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“ Deepest condolences to Dave's family. I wrestled with him at Minot State

Pat thomas - September 29, 2021 at 12:41 AM

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“ I only worked for Dave for a short time but he was a very kind boss and admired by all his employees. When I had to take a leave from my job he was so generous to say come back when you can. Not many bosses would do that. The shock of his passing will stay with us for a long time. He was one of a kind!

Sharon Finneman

Sharon Finneman - September 28, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave's family and friends. He always had a great smile and a handshake whenever we saw one another.

**Craig Nelson** - September 28, 2021 at 10:06 PM

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“ I have worked for Dave for so many years I will definitely miss his sense of humor and his bad hair day jokes. He was always there for his employees and right there working himself. Such a great man who will be missed dearly. Prayers and endless hugs to the Isaak family.

**Amanda Sanders** - September 28, 2021 at 09:05 PM

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“ Dave is an amazing person. He has always been an understanding boss and friend, I am so blessed to have been able to work and learn from him. My thoughts and prayers are with the Isaak family. He will truly be missed.

**Susan Wangen** - September 28, 2021 at 08:44 PM

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“ I work for Dave. He was such a wonderful guy. He was always there for anyone who needed him. I'm going to miss him. Work will never be the same without him. My thoughts and prayers to the Isaak family.

**samantha Topp** - September 28, 2021 at 08:04 PM

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“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 28, 2021 at 07:59 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 28, 2021 at 06:51 PM

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“ So many good memories of wrestling with David in junior high and high school. So sorry for your loss. May eternal light shine upon him.

**Brent Hoffner** - September 28, 2021 at 06:33 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. We share many good memories from our swimming community.

Misty Tomchuk & Trenton Francis

**Misty Tomchuk** - September 28, 2021 at 05:33 PM

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“ Dear Shari and boys, Doug and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you for strength, comfort, and guidance. Rest in Gods arms.

Sending our love, (Aunt) Barb and Doug Hultberg

**Barb Hultberg** - September 28, 2021 at 04:53 PM

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“ Shari and family,

We are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing - our hearts go out to your family. We have such fond memories of Shanley football tailgating with Dave, especially his laughter and humor! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Shari, Grant and Victor.

Amy, Tim, Austin and Ashely Scott



**Amy Scott** - September 28, 2021 at 04:06 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 28, 2021 at 03:56 PM

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“ My sincere sympathies for your loss of Dave. My heart and hugs go out to my cousin Shari and the boys and everyone Dave touched during his full life. I wish I was able to be there in person to support. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sherri (Schulz) Roberts

**Sherri Roberts** - September 28, 2021 at 02:29 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Dale Isaak.



September 28, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ Sherri Roberts lit a candle in memory of David Dale Isaak



**Sherri Roberts** - September 28, 2021 at 02:12 PM

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“ My condolences to his wife and sons. I knew Dave since our time in the military, where we attended and graduated Officer Candidate School (OCS - Class 32) together back in 1989. Dave was a go-getter, always smiling and having fun in whatever he was doing. He will be missed but not forgotten. Rest in Peace - Russ (Bucky) Buchholz.

**Russ Buchholz** - September 28, 2021 at 01:59 PM

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“ I'm sorry to hear about the sudden loss of David!!..I went to school with David up through all the grades and we were in some sports together!! I always remember him being a friendly great guy! I seem to remember visiting with him at one of our past reunions.. my prayers and heart goes out to to his family!! Jay Heinz

**Jay Heinz** - September 28, 2021 at 01:45 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I knew Dave mostly through wrestling. He was a great, fun guy to know. Seeing the picture here made me smile. Haven't talked to him in many years, but it sounds like he made a big impact. Our prayers for peace to his wife and family.

**Fred Moesler** - September 28, 2021 at 12:49 PM

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“ Ken and I are so saddened by the loss of our friend, Dave. Our deepest sympathies to Shari and sons. Dave’s smile lit up the room and he always had so much energy for people. Rest In Peace.  
With love and prayers,  
Ken and Adele Gabriel

**Adele Gabriel** - September 28, 2021 at 12:32 PM

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“ Melissa Horner lit a candle in memory of David Dale Isaak



**melissa horner** - September 28, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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“ Fargo USA Softball purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Isaak.



**Fargo USA Softball** - September 28, 2021 at 09:37 AM

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“ I am so sorry for the Isaac family. Dave was a great guy. Though we have not been close for years I am sure he will be missed by many.

**Eric Cederstrom** - September 27, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ David's smile and energy was contagious. He will be greatly missed. Deb, Joe and the entire Isaak family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers. Joan Greving

**Joan Greving** - September 28, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Dave and his wife were so awesome when it came to employing the young and mentoring them. 2 of my sons got their first jobs at the hotel in Fargo and enjoyed working for Dave and his wife. Rest in peace Dave and prayers for his family.

**Scott Westall** - September 29, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ Dave was the first person I met when I moved to Bismarck in 1981 and have considered him a friend ever since.....Over the years our paths have crossed many times and he always had a smile on his face and a positive, caring and friendly attitude. He will be missed dearly by all his friends and family. RIP Dave!

**Kevin Klipfel** - September 29, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave's family in this difficult time. I always enjoyed the time that I spent with Dave working on projects for Gateway Lions. His energy was infectious.

Tim and Melissa Rhode

**Tim Rhode** - September 30, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ I remember David from the mid 70s being friendly to me in school. My family were new immigrants from Vietnam. I hung out with him at his parents house from what I recall. My family left Bismarck in 79' for Texas. May he rest in peace.

Alex H Dang

**Alex H Dang** - January 27 at 10:09 PM