COREY ALLEN EBACH, 42, Bismarck, departed this life on January 13, 2024. He was a beloved son, father, fiancé, brother, uncle, nephew and friend. He passed away unexpectantly in his home. Corey lived a life filled with passion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to his loved ones.

Corey's heartwarming smile and infectious laughter could light up any room. He was the life of the party, quick to offer a helping hand, and cherished moments spent with friends and family. Corey's charisma and genuine nature left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Corey Ebach, a native of Dickinson, ND, relocated to Bismarck in 1990, marking the beginning of a journey that would shape his remarkable life. Throughout his upbringing, Corey embraced the role of a protective older brother, watching over his younger sister, Crystal, with love and care. Fond memories of his childhood included the comforting and delectable homemade meals prepared by his mom, a culinary delight he cherished. Particularly, Corey could never resist indulging in seconds when it came to the delicious German dishes that graced their family table.

From an early age, Corey developed a love for the outdoors, indulging in hobbies that brought him immense joy. Hunting with his dad and other family members, fishing, woodworking, off-roading in his razor, riding his Harley, gardening and meticulously caring for his lawn were just a few of the activities that fueled Corey's adventurous spirit.

A graduate of Bismarck High School in 2000, Corey's life took on new dimensions with the arrival of his daughter, Gabby, in 2009. He cherished every moment with Gabby, going above and beyond to ensure her happiness. Trips to places like Deadwood, SD, and Glacier, MT, alongside his fiancé Tiffany and their girls, created treasured memories for Corey.

In 2019, Corey embarked on an entrepreneurial journey, establishing Chamberlain Woodworks LLC, a testament to his craftsmanship and dedication. His proposal to Tiffany in 2020 marked a beautiful chapter in their love story, and they enjoyed many adventures together and loved working to build a home with their girls, driving side-by-side and sharing laughter during video game nights with Tatumn.

Corey's leadership and mentorship were unparalleled, setting him apart as an outstanding guide and supporter to his comrades. His commitment extended beyond duty; he genuinely cared for each and every one of his fellow soldiers, fostering a sense of camaraderie and dedication within the ranks.

In the chronicles of his military service, Corey's journey unfolded with notable milestones: Joining the ND National Guard on February 25th, 2000, marked the inception of his dedicated service. From July 5th, 2000, to December 6th, 2000, Corey underwent Basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, SC, laying the foundation for his military prowess. During the period from February 10th, 2003, to May 30th, 2004, Corey demonstrated valor in Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq, serving with the 957th Engineer Company Assault Bridge and Float Bridge, earning the esteemed Combat Action Badge. From August 14th, 2009, to August 25th, 2010, Corey played a crucial role in Kosovo Force 12, serving with the 957th

Engineer Company, 1st Assault Forward Command. In the span of April 27th, 2012, to May 27th, 2013, Corey displayed unwavering dedication in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, contributing his skills to the 818th Engineer Company, SAPPER, and earning the prestigious Bronze Star. The chapter from October 6th, 2021, to December 19th, 2022, saw Corey's involvement in the Southwest Border Mission, serving as a platoon Sergeant with the 957th Engineer Company, Multi-Role Bridge Company, showcasing his versatility and commitment to service.

Corey's exemplary service also earned him North Dakota Emergency Service Ribbons for his contributions during the Fargo Flood of 2009, Bismarck Flood of 2011, and the Dakota Access Pipeline efforts in 2017. His selfless dedication and leadership in times of crisis embody the true spirit of a military hero.

Corey's legacy lives on through his surviving family members: daughter, Gabbriella Ebach; fiancé, Tiffany Peterson; step-daughter, Tatumn Steenerson; parents, Allen (Charlotte) Ebach; sister, Crystal (Justin) Nelson; niece, Olivia; nephew and godson, Jude; niece, Harper; nephew, Isaac; 25 aunts and uncles and 44 cousins.

He was preceded in death by five uncles, two cousins and four grandparents.

A celebration of Corey's life will be held to honor the memory of a remarkable individual whose impact on the lives of others will forever be cherished. May he rest in peace, and may his spirit continue to inspire love and resilience in the hearts of those who knew him.

## In Loving Memory of

## Corey Allen Ebach

November 26, 1981 ~ January 13, 2024

Rosary/Vigil Service

Thursday, January 18, 2024 • 7:00 PM Parkway Funeral Service • 2330 Tyler Pkwy Bismarck, North Dakota

**Funeral Mass** 

Friday, January 19, 2024 • 10:30 AM Ascension Catholic Church • 1825 S. 3rd St. Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

Friday, January 19, 2024 • 3:00 PM North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Mandan, North Dakota

Prelude "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Processional Hymn "Come to Me" #467 Old Testament Reading Wisdom 4: 7-15 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25

"To You, O Lord, I lift my soul."

New Testament Reading Romans 8: 14-23 Gospel Matthew 11: 25-30

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful Preparation of Gifts

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #674

**Eucharistic Acclamations** 

Mass of Renewal #879-884 Communion Hymn "On Eagle's Wings" #441

**Communion Meditation** 

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Final Commendation "Song of Farewell" #833 Closing Hymn "How Great Thou Art" #432

Celebrant Msgr. Chad Gion

Concelebrants Fr. Russ Kovash, Fr. Dustin Johns and Fr. Al Ebach

Vigil Presider Fr. Al Ebach

Readers Travis Ktytor and Zach Obrigewitch

Gift Bearers Corey's immediate family

**Musician** Julie Ternes

Casket Bearers Brad Gardner, Brett Gentile, Dave Mortuedt, Ian Schmidt, Jesse Schmaltz, Brent Miller and Michael Stone

Following Mass, the family invites you to join them in the Ascension Community Room for lunch and fellowship.

## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me, I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy, A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.



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