



When tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand,
That Jesus came and called my name
and took me by the hand.
And when I walked through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me
from His golden throne.
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past and here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrows,
but today will always last,
And since each day's the same,
there's no longing for the past.
You have been faithful, so trusting and true,
Though there were times you did some things
you knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free,
So won't you take my hand and share My life with me?"
So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

In Loving Memory Of

Denis G. Montplaisir



"A Wonder-FULL Life"



Denis Gerard Montplaisir (“Dugan”), 65, of Bismarck, went to be with Jesus on Sunday June 30th, 2019. Denis lived a Wonderful life and his life will be celebrated well.

Denis was born on December 8, 1953 in Fargo to Alpha (“Frenchy”) and Margrette (Anderson) Montplaisir. Weighing in at a whopping two pounds and two ounces, he did not let his birth weight determine the size of impact he would have on the world. His younger brother Jacque joined the family in 1956 then the family moved to Bismarck in 1960.

Denis graduated from St. Mary’s Central High School. He continued on to Bismarck Junior College, where he was quarterback for the football team, and later received a B.A. in vocal performance from the University of Mary. During his college years, he was very involved in music and Young Life. These two passions brought together a group of friends who wanted to follow Christ and “live life” together (they called themselves the “lepers”). This group had a significant impact on each other and they became life-long friends who lived life to the fullest. Over the years, Denis blessed many people by singing for their weddings, funerals and other events. He was part of a Christian band called Change of Heart and had the opportunity to sing for the Pope in Mile High Stadium. He used his beautiful voice, musical talents, compassionate spirit and love for Christ to share Christ’s freely-offered grace and love with everyone he met.

Denis married the love of his life, Patricia Anne Noehring, on August 1st, 1981. Together they raised their four sons, Michael, David, Daniel and Marc in Mandan. Denis loved to cook and was exceptional at it. For several years he was the owner and chef at the Mandan Municipal Country Club where hundreds of people were able to enjoy his cooking and hospitality in large groups. Then his love for people led him into social work as a career via the Bismarck Police Department Youth Bureau and Youthworks in Bismarck. He also served on the Mandan School Board and had a passion for leading youth on wilderness and backpacking trips where he was able to share and show Christ’s love, in the midst of God’s beautiful creation.

Denis’s four sons were his pride and joy, and he was an amazing Dad and Grandpa. He worked very hard so his family could do the things they loved and have a solid foundation for life. It was obvious to everyone around how much he loved his family: from singing silly songs, to saying “I Love You” often, to telling countless “Sven and Ole jokes”, to genuinely lending an ear and talking proudly about his kids and nine grandkids. One of his favorite things to do was to share his home and dining table with family and friends over the amazing food that he prepared. He also thoroughly enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching hockey, golfing and spending time at the cabin with Pat and “da boyz”.

In 2008 Denis went to work for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation as their Volunteer Coordinator. His love for Medora, people and music made this position a perfect fit for him. Working in Medora allowed him to share Christ’s love with thousands of people, and allowed thousands of people to love him and Pat.

In 2010 Pat was diagnosed with Leukemia and went through months of intensive treatment. Pat and Denis’s amazing group of family and friends (or so he called “chosen family”) surrounded them with love and prayers, and by a miracle Pat was cancer free. But the treatments took a toll on Pat’s body and health. Denis devoted himself to love and care for her, even when times were really difficult. So many admired this Christ-like selflessness, sacrifice and love that he showed for her “in sickness and in health”.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; his son, Mike (Katie) and their kids, Judah, Makenna, Hannah and Timmy; his son, Dave and his sons, Kayden and Jordan; his son, Danny (Betsy) and their daughter, Bella; his son, Marc (Chelsi) and their daughters, Madi and Natalie; his brother, Jacque and his daughter, Jill. He is preceded in death by his parents “Frenchy” and Margrette Montplaisir.

Denis loved Jesus and understood that Jesus Christ offers unconditional love and grace, even for sinners like himself. His faith was reflected in the way he lived and loved others. His life made an amazing impact on this world, and Heaven is even better with him now. Well done good and faithful servant, well done!

Denis G. Montplaisir

December 8, 1953 — June 30, 2019

Parish Vigil

Friday, July 5, 2019; 6:00 PM

Church of Corpus Christi

Reverend Jerry Kautzman

Presider

Funeral Liturgy

Saturday, July 6, 2019; 10:30 AM

Church of Corpus Christi

Reverend Paul Becker

Celebrant

Concelebrant

Musicians

Reverend Jerry Kautzman

Joan Eckroth Riley ~ Bill Franke ~ Kristin Griffeth

Diane Grotewold ~ Judah Montplaisir ~ Margo Mullner

Timothy Mullner ~ Jenifer Porter ~ Tom Porter ~ Emily Walter

Opening Song

“You Are Mine” #456

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Reader

Jacque Montplaisir

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27

“The Lord is My Light & My Salvation.”

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Reader

Dale Preszler

Gospel Reading

John 3:16

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intercessions

Randy Hatzenbuehler

Preparation of Gifts Song

“On Eagle’s Wings” #436

Presentation of Gifts

Kent Preszler & Mike Bohrer

Consecration of Eucharist

Communion Songs *“Ashokan Farewell” ~ “Let Us Be Bread” ~ “I Can Only Imagine”*

Special Song

“Ave Maria”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell” #826

Closing Song

“How Great Thou Art” #424

Casket Bearers

Robert Biber ~ Terry Mastel ~ Dennis Lindgren

Kurt Peterson ~ Jerry Schnell ~ Kevin Lacher

Interment

St. Mary’s Cemetery

Bismarck, North Dakota

Following the burial the family invites you for lunch and fellowship downstairs in the Parish Hall.

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