

Francis “Frank” Miles Krafthefer was born on May 7, 1958 in Alexandria, MN to Freddie and Florence (Schulz) Krafthefer. The fifth of six children, Francis grew up in a rambunctious and lively household, where he showed his siblings how to catch bullheads without bait and shared telepathic moments with his “twin” sister Faye, who knew his thoughts and needs without him needing to ask. Francis was everyone’s favorite on the playground because of the underdog pushes he would give fellow kids on the swing set, and his siblings were known only as “Francis’ brother” or “Francis’ sister”. A curious and precocious child, Francis loved tinkering with legos and fixing or building things. In 1978, Francis graduated from Jefferson Senior High School in Alex before moving to Fergus Falls where he held a variety of jobs, including working at the local mall, Production Alternatives, and finally as a janitor at Thiele Manufacturing for over 20 years, where he earned many certificates of appreciation for his dedication to his work, promptness, and perfect attendance.

As an adult, Francis enjoyed trains and steam thresher shows such as Rollag, his favorite being the Lake Region Thresher Reunion in Dalton, MN. He also never missed the Ottertail or Douglas County fairs, often attending them for four days in-a-row while he and Faye went on rides together. Francis had no enemies, and was only observed to be outright angry once, after his nephews hid his beloved whistle, that he used to direct others, in a sand pile. A friend to all, Francis was known by his barber to never miss a beat whilst tapping along to a song during a haircut, and by his waitress for being a gentleman with impeccable manners. In quite a distinguished fashion, he would raise an index finger and make an announcement to excuse himself to the restroom or before belching.

Francis will be remembered for being master of the world’s dumbest jokes, his love of candy, and his astute politeness. On Wednesday, May 15th, 2019, at the age of 61, Francis passed away at the Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls, his heart having grown so large from kindness for such a small guy. He is preceded in death by his father, Freddie Krafthefer; brothers, “Buddy” Marlo Schulz and Paul Krafthefer, and a few pets, specifically Nicki and Specks.

Francis is survived by his mother, Florence Krafthefer; brothers, Fabian (Ann) and Fred (Lana) Krafthefer; sister, Faye (Dennis) Helmer, and many nieces, nephews, friends, and coworkers.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In Loving Memory of

Francis “Frank” Krafthefer

May 7, 1958



May 15, 2019

Celebration of Life

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, May 23, 2019

1:00 PM

Officiant

Pastor Michael Peterson

Pallbearers

Korey Krafthefer

Kyle Krafthefer

Kerry Krafthefer

Peter Krafthefer

Matthew Krafthefer

Corey Nehk

Honorary Pallbearers

DeeAnna Krafthefer

Shelley Fusco

Holly Johnson

Emilee Krafthefer

Kayia Nehk

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota