David "Dave" Carl Carlson was born March 31, 1960. in Valley City, ND to parents Hilmer and Isadora (Lindeman) Carlson. The family lived in Hope, ND until the summer of 1960 when they moved to Fairview, MT. Dave lived and attended school in Fairview until 1977 when he married Helena Beatson. To this union two children were born, a daughter, Kimberly and a son, Kristopher. They made their home in Sidney where he worked in the oil field until moving to Coeur d'Alene, ID. While in Coeur d'Alene Dave worked for the water department until going on to trade school where he received his degree in electronics. Dave opened and ran his own successful business in TV/VCR sales and repair. Dave retired and later moved to Florida and then to Georgia. In November 2008, Dave returned to Fairview to be closer to his brothers. Dave married his "soul mate" Connie Finch on February 14, 2010 at Siesta Key Beach in Sarasota, FL. They made their home in Fairview, MT.

Dave loved his kids and was very proud of them. He was always talking and boasting about them. Dave loved to go fishing, whether it was on the ocean in Florida, a lake in Idaho, or the rivers of Montana and North Dakota. If it involved a rod, real, bait, and a body of water Dave was ready to go. He also loved fixing things and working with his hands. He liked carpentry and remodeling projects. He often offered a helping hand to those doing the same thing. He liked being outside working in the yard, gardening, or planting trees, especially with his special helper, Makayla.

Dave had a great sense of humor and loved to play practical jokes on friends.

David died at his home, on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

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Dave is survived by his wife, Connie Carlson, Fairview, MT; son, Kristopher Carlson, Coeur d' Alene, ID; daughters, Kimberly Carlson, Boise, ID, Makayla Finch, Fairview, MT; step children, Steven, Amy and Taylor, Coeur d'Alene, ID; brothers, Lyle (Sharon) Carlson, Fairview, MT, Mark (Faye) Carlson, Fairview, MT; and sister, Pauline Chance, Sarasota, FL.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Adolph and Florence Lindeman and Albert and Hattie Carlson; and a brother, Kurt Carlson.

In Loving Memory Of



Dave Carlson

We Will Be Missing You

You were so full of life, Always smiling and carefree.

Life loved you being a part of it,

And we loved you for being a part of us.

You could make anyone laugh, If they were having a bad day. No matter how sad we were, You could take the hurt away.

Nothing could ever stop you, Or even make you fall. You were ready to take on the world, Ready to do it all

But God decided he needed you, So from this world you left. But you took a piece of all of us, Our hearts are what you kept.

Our hearts now feel empty, And it's hard not to see your face. But please always know this, No One will ever take your place.

You left without warning, Not even saying good-bye. And we can't seem to stop, Asking the question why.

Life will be different, Our worlds just won't feel right. But we know you're in heaven, Watching over us day and night.

We didn't see this coming, It hit us by surprise. And when you left this world, A small part of us died.

Your smile could brighten anyone's day, No matter what they were going through. And we know everyday of the rest of ours lives, We will be missing you.

Author unknown

David "Dave" Carlson

Born

March 31, 1960 Valley City, ND **Died**

June 16, 2010 East Fairview, ND

Funeral Service

2:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 22, 2010 Assembly of God Church Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Greg Ledgerwood

Music

Vena Mecklenberg Robyn Heck

Casketbearers

Dan Rhodes Rick Cotter Will Scheetz Rod Elken Dale Leens Bruce Seader

Honorary Casketbearers

Mike Houck Glen Odegard Billy Shreve

Ushers

Floyd Sullivan

Richard Johnson

Interment

By Cremation

Lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall following the service

You may share your remembrances and condolences with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website www.fulkersons.com