



Joe A. Byram, Jr.

Joe A. Byram Jr. 51, 315 Seward Ave. Ave. Grand Forks, died suddenly March 6, 2000 at home. Joe Aubrey Byram Jr. was born November 25, 1948 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the son of Joe and Ella Mae (Brugg) Byram. He grew up in Williston, ND and graduated from Williston High School. He traveled extensively in the United States. He lived and worked for several years in Phoenix, Arizona. He received an Associate of Arts degree from Arizona State University. He returned to the Williston area in 1980 and worked in the oil fields. After spending 6 months in a tour of Europe, he met Deb Grabauski when he returned to Williston in 1982. They were married on March 28, 1983 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Frostburg State College in Frostburg, MD, in 1984. He worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor at the North Dakota State Hospital from 1984 to 1988. He began graduate school at UND, receiving his Masters of Counseling degree in 1990. He worked for Northeast Human Service Center as a counselor/case manager from 1990 to 1997. Following many years of interest in antiques, he was self-employed from 1997 to the present, buying, restoring and selling antiques. Joe was a man of wide interests and knowledge. He taught himself watch repair, gun smithing, antiques and collectibles, jewelry, silver smithing, woodworking and carpentry. Many of these skills were used in his home,

restored properties and antiques. He could see the value and potential in items and in people often discarded by others. His interest in people opened the door to a continuing lifestyle of encouragement, counseling and practical care for others. Survivors include: his wife, Deb, children John, Jennifer, Sarah, and Michael at home in Grand Forks; his mother, Ella Mae Byram of Williston, ND; uncles, Robert (Dorothy) Brugg of Vallejo, CA, George Byram of Miami, OK, aunts Judy Hazelwood of Sunnyside, CA, Hazel Harness of Marfo, OK and 10 cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Joe A. Byram Sr. Sharing in loss are many beloved in-laws, aunts, uncles and cousins in Deb's family. Services will be held 11AM Friday at Hope Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Forks. Visitation will be Thursday from 6-7PM with 7PM prayer service at Amundson Funeral Home of Grand Forks. Visitation will continue the hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery of Grand Forks.