



Jon Severson

November 2, 1960 - August 15, 2012

Jon Severson, 51, died Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at the Avera Dougherty Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls following a courageous battle with cancer. Jon David Severson was born on November 2, 1960. His adoptive parents, Chet and Zona (Whalen) Severson called November 6, his "Chosen Day", the day they picked him up from the hospital. He grew up in Lennox and graduated from Lennox High School in 1980. He went on to Southeast Technical School and received his degree in Automotive Technology. On April 4, 1981 he was united in marriage to Yvonne Vanderwerf at Lennox. The couple lived briefly in Sioux Falls before moving to Lennox. Jon continued to maintain his home in Lennox while teaching Aberdeen. Jon worked as a technician from 1982 to 2001 at Gary Cone Amoco, Vern Eide, Billions, Cal Cars Hyundai, Sioux City, IA and Instant Car Credit. In 2001 he received his teaching certificate and taught for two years in Lennox, seven years at Hub Area Technical School, Aberdeen and was currently teaching at the Career and Technical Education Academy in Sioux Falls. Jon's students were extremely important to him and had won the state competition for Ford/AAA and Skills USA and were able to compete in both National Competitions in the spring. Jon was a member of First English Lutheran Church and had been a member of the Lennox Jaycees. He served on the Automotive Technology Board for Southeast Tech, was President of the SD Association for Career and Technical Education in the Trade and Industry Division and was also State President for the same organization. He was a Skills USA Advisor and assisted with the Boy Scouts

in Lennox and Aberdeen. Jon enjoyed restoring antique tractors and loved old cars; he had an affection for Native American culture, horses and buffalo. Jon was preceded in death by his parents, Chet in 1999 and Zona in 2005. Grateful for having shared her life are his wife of 31 years, Yvonne; four children: Ashley (Troy) Gilman, Guyton, GA, Michelle Severson, Parker, Andrew Severson, Lennox and Miranda Severson, Lennox; one grandson Korbyn Gilman; brother, Jim (Roxanne) Severson, Lennox and biological brother, Gary Raap, Pierport, SD; mother-in-law, Marlys Vanderwerf, Sioux Falls as well as other relatives and host of friends. Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox with burial in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox with the family present from 3 to 5 p.m.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. May God be with you all. Darlee Jervik(Q Gild member)*

Darlene Jervik - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Jon lost his battle with cancer. He stopped recently to talk to me here at the shop and I could tell he knew the Lord and was ready for whatever God had in store for him. He was a courageous man whom I respected. The kids spoke highly of him as well.*

Steven R. Carnes - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *I worked with Jon at Billions while he was at the GMC Buick store, I think back then it was the Oldsmobile dealer, he then went over to Hyundai. I thought he was a very bright technician, sorry to see him go over to Hyundai and not work for me.*

Bob Bangasser - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Dear Family of Jon:
We are so sorry to read of the death of Jon. It is so very difficult to lose someone at such a young age. You have our prayers and thoughts during this very difficult time of sorrow and grief.*

Ron and Janell Beck

Drs. Ron and Janell Beck - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was lucky to have taught with Jon the last two years at CTE. He and I had some great conversations about life, students and cars. He even gave my husband and I a grade for the job we did replacing drum brakes on my car. He told me several times last spring that he was not going to quit fighting the cancer and I am sure that he didn't. I will miss seeing Jon daily and thank you all for sharing him with all of us. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you deal with him being gone from your lives.

Jennifer Bergan Gabor - August 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Randy & Debra (Minkel)Petersen - August 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Words can not express the sorrow that I feel with Jon's passing. He was a good man and a good friend. He will be greatly missed but remembered for many years by all that knew him.

My sympathy goes out to all his family.

Jerry Taylor - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ To Jons family, We are so sorry for your loss. Jon was our son's teacher (Tyler Swanger).Jon meant the world to Tyler. When we moved here it was hard on Tyler and Jon took Tyler under his wing. We owe Jon so much. Jon will always have a speacial place in our hearts, As Tyler is getting ready for college we can't help think of Jon and how he helped Tyler achieve his goals and dreams. As you have those moments of sadness please think of all the kids like Tyler that would not be the men they are if it wasn't for Jon. I know we will. God Bless you during this time. Scott and Cindy Newman (parents of Tyler S)

Cindy Newman - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Jim and family, Sorry to hear about Jon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!
With sympathy, Marlyn and Deb

Marlyn and Deb Flitz - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time, i was blessed with having Jon as a teacher for a full year and learned alot having him as a teacher. He was a great teacher and a wonderful friend outside of school that helped me through several tough matters that i faced.

Bredin Rohde - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Jon's smiling face and funny sense of humor will be missed greatly...just know that he is in a much better place and is at peace now. Cherish the memories and hold them in your hearts forever.*

*Love from Jon's little garbanzo bean from high school,
Jodi Jensen*

Jodi (Anderson) Jensen - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM