



Arden Wes Hallberg

December 25, 1962 - December 18, 2023

Arden “Wes” Hallberg, of Blaine, Minnesota passed away after a long illness on Monday, December 18, 2023 in Blaine, one week before his 61st birthday. He was preceded in death by his sister, Pamela Hallberg, and his father, Arlen Hallberg. Wes is survived by his mother Alvina Hallberg of Blaine, his siblings, Judy (Neil) Polifka of Winfield, Illinois, Susann Jackson of Blaine, Minnesota, Debra RLynn Van Auken of Blaine, Allen (Colleen) Hallberg of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Heidi (Tom) Hurney of Ramsey, Minnesota, and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

Wes was at home in Blaine, with family at his side reading favorite scriptures, listening to favorite music, and spending time in prayer. At the cusp of sunrise, and as they listened to the song, safe in the “Arms of Jesus,” Wes peacefully slipped from the bonds of his earthly body and left with Jesus to enter his eternal home to be with his Heavenly Father.

Wes Hallberg was born on Christmas Day in 1962 to Alvina and Arlen Hallberg in St. Paul, Minnesota. He grew up in Fridley and graduated from Fourth Baptist Christian (high) School. He later graduated from the University of St. Thomas, where he double majored in Business (with a minor in Human Resource Management) and Music Performance.

Wes’ early music career included extensive voice lessons that led to his operatic performances with the Minnesota Orchestra and even performance at the St. Paul Cathedral. At the age of 16, he earned a certificate from the Minnesota Music Teachers Association citing his passing of their music theory

examination with distinction. He went on to establish a Christian band with his brother, Allen called Tongues of Fire. He wrote much of the music that they performed. It was a sight to behold his fingers dancing over the keyboards while his brother played the guitar.

Wes had a heart for Jesus and was driven to help others – not just to tend to their physical needs, but their spiritual needs as well. He strived to demonstrate the love and peace that can only be experienced through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He had a big heart and loved people with a passion, always looking for ways to help them achieve their greatest potential. On a missions trip to Togo several years ago, Wes met a young man named Kossi who resided in an orphanage he visited. Wes felt God wanted him to “adopt” Kossi and pay for his college education. Wes did so and his “son”, Kossi Kudamenou recently graduated with his degree in sociology. Wes was incredibly gregarious and fun-loving. He faithfully served his church, Bethel’s Rock in Richfield in whatever area they needed his talents, from serving as an elder, prayer team leader, organizing events or grilling for their summer picnics. He could also be counted on to volunteer for a variety of charities. He enjoyed a career that he loved as an Operations Director for Yocum Oil Company. He also enjoyed many creative outlets throughout his life, especially those that involved singing His “hobbies” including in-depth study of the bible, intense weightlifting, racquetball, fishing, camping, teasing his nieces and nephews, and--he was a dangerous rook card game player with the family—especially with his Mother.

Wes was loved and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 10th from 5:00-8:00pm at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. His memorial service will be Thursday the 11th at Emmanuel Christian Center, 7777 University Avenue, Spring Lake Park starting with a visitation beginning at 10:30am and memorial service at 12:00pm. A private internment will take place on Friday, January 12 at Hillside Cemetery in Kerkhoven, Minnesota.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery - Kerkhoven Mn

Kerkhoven, MN 56252

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

JAN 11. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Christian Center - Spring Lake Park
7777 University Avenue Northeast
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Church Service

JAN 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Wes lived with our family for a few years, beginning when he went to college. When we moved to our new home, Wes moved with us. We would sit at a table in the living room, playing card games and watching TV. He bought a Nintendo with games and would play games with them. Wes also loved to cook. Our family was treated many times to meals and snacks that he made. I will miss his singing in the shower and he unique laugh. No one laughed like Wes.

Carol Curtis - January 10, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JY

“ Jon & Kirsten Yocum purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Arden Wes Hallberg.



Jon & Kirsten Yocum - January 10, 2024 at 01:51 PM

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“ Jon & Kirsten Yocum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arden Wes Hallberg.

Jon & Kirsten Yocum - January 10, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Arden Wes Hallberg.*



January 09, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arden Wes Hallberg.*



January 09, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Nickie, Kain, Blake, & Lauren Byers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arden Wes Hallberg.*

Nickie, Kain, Blake, & Lauren Byers - January 09, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *We always had such great interactions and conversations with Wes at Bethel's Rock church. He was always ready with a smile, laugh, or joke. Kind and warm hearted, he was so kind with our children and served faithfully! He will be very missed!*

Mark Fleming (and family) - January 06, 2024 at 02:54 AM

GF

“ Giefer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arden Wes Hallberg.

Giefer Family - January 01, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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“ Giefer Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arden Wes Hallberg.



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