



Bert F. Merfeld

May 19, 2013

Merfeld, Bert F. of Eden Prairie, beloved husband and father was taken home to his Savior suddenly due to a motorcycle accident on Saturday, May 18, 2013. He leaves behind his wife, Carol; his mother-in-law Helen Evers of Minnetonka; son Matthew (Lillie) of Shorewood, previously Dallas; daughters Amanda (Glyn) Byte of Blanchard, Oklahoma and Rachel (Grant) McDanel of Norman, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Ariel and Avery Merfeld and Chloe, Makinsey and Cruz Byte; sister Charlotte (Bill) Bing of Walker, Minnesota and brother Craig (Cindy) of Charlottesville, SC; niece Debbie Welch (Larry) of Brooklyn Park; nephews Bob (Kerry) Bing of Duluth, James David (MacKenzie) of Charlottesville, SC and Joseph (Brittnay) of Little Rock AFB, AR. Preceded in death by his father Bert Merfeld and mother Marian Merfeld and his brother David Merfeld. Bert also leaves behind many friends from living several years in Tulsa, Oklahoma and from his place of employment, Black Box, previously Norstan Communications. His gentle manner in all he did will be missed and how he loved his family. The family would appreciate any memorials be sent to the Red Cross to help the people of Moore, Oklahoma as they sort through and survive the disaster brought on by the tornados. A Memorial Service will be held Sat., June 8 at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Road (1 blk N of Hwy 5)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
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Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Bert, to my foundation of life, thank you for adding a piece of it from you...
God Bless the Merfeld Family.

Mark L. Rossmann

Mark Rossmann - June 08, 2013 at 12:22 AM



“ Garden Cross was purchased for the family of Bert F. Merfeld.



June 07, 2013 at 03:57 PM



“ Vicky Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Vicky Zimmerman - June 06, 2013 at 03:48 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Bert F. Merfeld.



June 06, 2013 at 03:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bert F. Merfeld.*



June 06, 2013 at 11:07 AM



“ *Carol, I have no words that can express my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I was devastated to hear of Bert's passing. I can't think of Bert without thinking of you; you two are a set, like salt and pepper and I have so many fond memories of the two of you. Our paths have not crossed for years but I clearly remember South Dakota and some of Bert's stories from that Norstan era which brings a smile with happy memories. My thoughts are with you, please take care of yourself. Patti Pope*

Patti (Pope) Dulla - June 03, 2013 at 02:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bert F. Merfeld.*



June 03, 2013 at 11:08 AM

ME

“ *Mark Ehlers lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Mark Ehlers - June 03, 2013 at 07:57 AM

LK

“ *Laura Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Laura Kaufman - May 31, 2013 at 08:06 AM

LC

“ *Lynn Carroll lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Lynn Carroll - May 30, 2013 at 03:18 PM

TH

“ One never knows what to say to the family when a friend leaves us behind. I know in my heart that Bert made my life better having known him. I also know the gleam in his eye and the smile on his face will live on. I enjoyed being his customer because he cared and took care of me. Most of all he shared his wonderful family and we had some great times. God be with you all.
Tom Horn



Tom Horn - May 29, 2013 at 08:00 PM

RS

“ Rex Smith lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Rex Smith - May 28, 2013 at 10:11 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Berkenes lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Dorothy Berkenes - May 27, 2013 at 05:49 PM

RB

“ I believe I was associated with Bert during virtually every one of the sixteen years I spent with Norstan. His quiet, self-assured competence put both customers and employees at ease in any situation. And Bert saw plenty of situations...in Sioux Falls...in Rochester...in Tulsa...and at Norstan Service Group, where he and his "colorful" team of installation Nomads put in ROLM systems at IBM sites all over the U.S.

It was a privilege to work with Bert...and Carol...over those years. If I had to come up with just one word to describe Bert, it would have to be...gentleman.

Roger Bass

Roger Bass - May 25, 2013 at 05:07 PM

LA

“ 1 file added to the album *In the early days of Norstan*



Lori Amundson - May 25, 2013 at 08:59 AM

NP

“ Nancy (Merfeld) De Paz lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Nancy (Merfeld) De Paz - May 25, 2013 at 01:19 AM

JR

“ Gary and I were deeply saddened to hear of your great loss, carol. We will always remember how great it was to work with both of you as part of the Norstan family. We pray for strength and faith for you and your family in the difficult days ahead.

Joan and Gary Roethle


joan roethle - May 24, 2013 at 03:21 PM

PK

“ I first met Bert in 1985 when he showed me around the Norstan Plymouth offices when I moved here. He's always been a great guy to work with and I will miss not seeing him around the office.



Pat Kelly - May 24, 2013 at 12:39 PM


Elizabeth
Steere
Caird

“ Carol and Family, The Norstan Family has lost a very special person, who will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jerry & Missy (Steere) Caird

Elizabeth Steere Caird - May 24, 2013 at 08:53 AM

KF

“ Carol, I was so sorry to hear of Bert's unexpected death. I have known the two of you for well over half my life. Bert was a great guy to work with from the start of our careers some 33 years ago. I have shared a few pictures of Bert from our "old days" at Norstan.

My deepest sympathy goes out to you Carol and your family.

Keith Forsman - May 24, 2013 at 08:48 AM

JC

“ *Jeff Comfort lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Jeff Comfort - May 24, 2013 at 08:45 AM

KF

“ *3 files added to the album In the early days of Norstan*



Keith Forsman - May 24, 2013 at 08:30 AM

JM

“ *Jeff A. Merfeld lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Jeff A. Merfeld - May 24, 2013 at 07:37 AM

RB

“ *Robert And Kerry Bing lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Robert and Kerry Bing - May 24, 2013 at 07:16 AM

RR

“ We only met Bert recently but were so touched by his warmth, kindness and enthusiasm about helping to reunite and bring his son and family to our home in Shorewood Minnesota. It is rare that my wife and I have had such a wonderful first impression on meeting this wonderful man and from reading about him here it is clear that he touched many lives in such a positive way. We can only add our deepest sympathy to his family and offer our assistance in any way possible to Mathew and his family on their transition
Rich and Linda Reeve, Shorewood Minnesota

Richard Reeve - May 24, 2013 at 06:39 AM

GI

“ Norstan was (and still is!) one big family and Bert always stood out as the one guy you really wanted to work with and to know. Kind, caring, thoughtful, fun...the list goes on - he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol and her family during this very tough time.
God Bless.

Gillian Jeffy-Anderson

Gillian - May 23, 2013 at 09:08 PM



CB

“ Charlotte (Merfeld) Bing lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld

Charlotte (Merfeld) Bing - May 23, 2013 at 07:40 PM



SG

“ How sad this is. Carol and Bert were favorites for me while I was at Norstan What a tragedy this is. Hugs and prayers for you and your family Carol. RIP Bert....you will be missed. Ride that hog in heaven!
Sue Corfits



Sue Corfits Galvin - May 23, 2013 at 07:37 PM

LH

“ What could have started out as adversarial roles when Black Box bought out our company, Bart and I shared about the same roles with each company, so we knew I would loose out, turned out to be the exact opposite. Bart and I became the best of friends. When he came to Texas he would stay at our house, we shared many an evening eating barbecue and drinking Coronas (swapping stories as we are the same age and came up the same way in IT), talking family, he and Carol came to Texas for my son's wedding, needless to say, Bart was family to us. The kids (adults) would ask if Bart was in town and was he coming to dinner..

Bart was a very special person to me and it truly hurts at his loss. We talked many times that when he retired he and Carol would move closer to be near their children yet it would put us closer as well. He loved to come to the ranch with his camera and we would just walk and talk (his favorite was the alligators).

Carol, my entire family send their condolences to you and your kids on your loss. Please remember that the Merfelds are part of the Haney family as well and you and yours are always welcome at our home.

Lynn / Becky Haney, kids and Grandkids

Lynn Haney - May 23, 2013 at 07:02 PM

SS

“ *Sandy & Gregg Schaber lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Sandy & Gregg Schaber - May 23, 2013 at 05:32 PM

KV

“ *Karen Valerio lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Karen Valerio - May 23, 2013 at 12:10 PM

ST

“ *Scott & Kym (Freden) Teebo lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Scott & Kym (Freden) Teebo - May 23, 2013 at 09:30 AM

PB

“ *Carol, my deepest sympathy to you and your family at this most difficult time. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Pat Bannochie

Pat Bannochie - May 23, 2013 at 12:24 AM

WW

“ Carol, I am so blessed to have lived in Tulsa and worked at Norstan with both you and Bert. I think you you often. You and your family are in my prayers, as you go through this most difficult time.

Winn Smith Whitner

Winn Smith Whitner - May 22, 2013 at 07:34 PM

JC

“ Bert was a constant professional with a passion to do things the right way.....so they were built to last. I had the pleasure of working closely with Bert over the past 8 years and always enjoyed his thoughtful wisdom and counsel. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed here at Black Box. Carol and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Jim Cassibo

Jim Cassibo - May 22, 2013 at 04:58 PM

KB

“ Kathy Bacso lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Kathy Bacso - May 22, 2013 at 03:56 PM

PK

“ *Pat Kruswicki lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Pat Kruswicki - May 22, 2013 at 01:51 PM

BP

“ *So many fond memories of Bert and Carol from the old days at Norstan and many more recent ones working with Bert at Black Box. Wonderful man who will be missed. Words cannot do justice in these times. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol and family during this time and the days and months ahead.*

Bob Plate

Bob Plate - May 22, 2013 at 01:29 PM

DS

“ *Dan Salmon lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Dan Salmon - May 22, 2013 at 01:27 PM

DS

Bert was a wonderful person. Through our working relationship he shared his wisdom, experience and insight about life. He will be deeply missed.

Dan Salmon - May 22, 2013 at 01:31 PM

LH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Carol, I have many fond memories of you and Bert from my time at Norstan. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Liz Hansen

Liz Hansen - May 22, 2013 at 12:32 PM

JR

“ Jon Robinson lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Jon Robinson - May 22, 2013 at 12:28 PM

SK

“ Having been involved in several pretty stressful transitions over the years with Bert & Norstan/Black Box; i'm not sure I've ever met a more calming influence on seeing those kind of things through. He epitomized the "cleansing breath". My thoughts & prayers are with you, Carol, as you and family deal with a tremendous loss. A truly classy individual.

Steve Kitchen

Steve Kitchen - May 22, 2013 at 11:48 AM

BM

“ I have many fond memories of working at Norstan. Many of the best are when I worked with Bert. Much of what I learned about work, life, and true friendship came from Bert, though I doubt he ever realized it.

Our thoughts and Prayers are with you Carol.

Bill and Gwen Maurer - May 22, 2013 at 11:48 AM

LG

“ When I was 20 and just getting into business Bert was one of my first bosses, a mentor. As it runs out some 30 years later he was not only one of my first mentors but also one of the best! Bert you gave me advice that I still live by today. Thank you!

Lou Gallagher - May 22, 2013 at 11:28 AM

PK

“ Pam Kane lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Pam Kane - May 22, 2013 at 11:18 AM

BW

“ Still no answer to that age old question, "Why do bad things happen to good people"? I send my deepest sympathy to the Merfeld Family. Bert and I had a personal friendship that I will forever treasure. God Bless....

Bob Wershing - May 22, 2013 at 10:50 AM

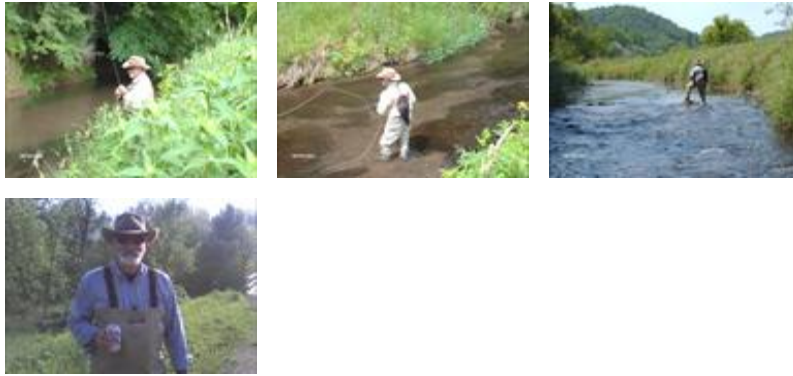
SK

“ since 2008 Bert and I would meet for a long weekend of trout fishing. We'd start the day at the same place and might not see each other until getting back to the truck. But I spent the days fishing with my friend. The long weekend this year sadly will have to be a memorial trip.

Steve Krakow - May 22, 2013 at 10:12 AM

SK

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Steve Krakow - May 22, 2013 at 09:54 AM

TB

“ Bert was a great man and always seemed to have a smile on his face. I worked with him and for him over 27 years (Norstan and Black Box) and it was a great pleasure. I also worked with his lovely wife Carol. I will be in prayer for Carol and the entire family.

Todd Barton - May 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

VC

“ *Vicky Chambers lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Vicky Chambers - May 22, 2013 at 08:53 AM

NI

“ *Nelson Imamura lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Nelson Imamura - May 22, 2013 at 08:36 AM

NI

Bert was the type of person you enjoyed being around his presence was so inviting and comforting! When ever we met he always had a smile and a kind thing to say in his very relaxing manner. Bert will truly be missed... God bless!

Nelson Imamura - May 22, 2013 at 08:38 AM

DR

“ *There are some people you meet in this life for whom your memories are only good. Bert and Carol are those kind of people. We love you, and are praying for you, Carol, and are so sad for your loss (a loss for all of us).*

Dick Ready - May 22, 2013 at 07:47 AM

LA

“ *Lori Amundson lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Lori Amundson - May 22, 2013 at 07:34 AM

KM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kevin McGarry - May 22, 2013 at 07:28 AM

DB

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



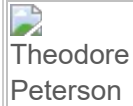
Doug Bice - May 22, 2013 at 07:01 AM

LG

“ *Linda Godinez lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Linda Godinez - May 22, 2013 at 06:17 AM



“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Theodore Peterson - May 21, 2013 at 10:45 PM



These pictures are from a ride about 10 years ago. I rode fairly often with Bert. We sometimes took little lunch cruises. Frequently we'd ride out by Lake Minnetonka and stop for lunch at the Drive In. Great memories I'll have of Bert, working and riding. I will miss him.

Theodore Peterson - May 22, 2013 at 06:30 AM



“ Jay Durbin lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld



Jay Durbin - May 21, 2013 at 10:25 PM



“ *I'm struggling to find words to even remotely express my sadness at the loss of such a great man. Bert was the consummate husband, father, grandfather, son, friend, coworker, boss, and most importantly, man of God. He was an easy man to befriend and love, making everyone he touched better for having known him. He will be missed by so many leaving behind shoes that can never be filled. I am so thankful to have been even a small part of his life.*



Julia Potter - May 21, 2013 at 10:08 PM

GM

“ *Geoff Miller lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Geoff Miller - May 21, 2013 at 09:12 PM

KA

“ *It hasn't sunk in yet. I just saw him riding off on his Harley last week during lunchtime on one of the few sunny days, and he gave me a wave. He and Carol are a couple of the best people that I've ever worked with. Too young. He is going to be missed by a lot of people.*

Ken Anderson - May 21, 2013 at 08:57 PM

MG

“ *Melanie Holt Glawe lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Melanie Holt Glawe - May 21, 2013 at 08:46 PM

MG

So sorry for your loss.

Melanie Holt Glawe - May 21, 2013 at 08:47 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Kent Kocher - May 21, 2013 at 08:16 PM

CH

“ *Collette Hoppe lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Collette Hoppe - May 21, 2013 at 06:06 PM

KP

“ *Kay Pohl lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



Kay Pohl - May 21, 2013 at 02:41 PM

LN

“ *LORI MERFELD NAVRATIL lit a candle in memory of Bert F. Merfeld*



LORI MERFELD NAVRATIL - May 21, 2013 at 12:36 PM