



Duane Saba

April 17, 2008

Saba, Duane A. age 43, of Hopkins, formerly of NE Mpls. Survived by his daughter, Sloan & her mother, Hally; his birth parents, Ron & Barbara; birth brothers, Danny, Daryl; sisters, Monica and Sherrie. He was raised by his grandparents, John & Norma. Grandpa John preceded him in death. He also lived with and was raised by his uncle, Gary and aunt, Gail. The extended brothers and sisters include: Dean, Cory, Connie, Cindy, Ward, Carrie, Joe, Sarah and Cynthia; other survivors include several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends, all who were dear to him. He never fully knew how much he was loved. Please join us in celebrating Duane's life at a memorial service Saturday, 4/19, 2:00 PM, with visitation 1 hour before at the Washburn- McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Duane, it's been 14 yrs since my last post. I saw a post that your little girl Sloan shared on Facebook the other day. It was so sweet, she was painting her new place wearing one of your painting plus t-shirts. If only you could come back and see all of the people who love you and always have! What a celebration that would be! I pray you can see it now and are surrounded by that love every moment while you wait to see all of us again! I know some how you and I will meet again. You were gone too soon but will be forever remembered!

I can still see those mischievous dancing eyes like it was yesterday. Please forgive me for not being a better friend. Time passed and I always figured I would see you again. 💔

P.S. There was a reason I taught you to dance when we were just kids; so you could swing with the angels! RIP pudgy bunny.

Sandra Thon - June 01, 2022 at 03:14 AM

CS

“ *Happy Birthday Duane. I will forever have you in my heart and will never forget you...especially your beautiful smile, gorgeous eyes, your laughter and your kind, loving ways. You are missed more than you could ever imagine. My heart is hurting today and always since you went away.*

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Hey dew life has been lonley without you around. I still think about you almost everyday. I still get mad but not so much anymore. There seems to be a emptiness that I just can't fill. You will always be my best friend. Peace be with you buddy

~

Charlie Howerton,

Maple grove, Minnesota

Charlie Howerton - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Good morning Duane! I was thinking of you last night and again today. Sometimes just wish we could talk. You seem to creep in on me when I am at work. I guess that is your way of telling me to take a brake! LOL! I love you to the moon and back!! Sarah

~

Sarah Saba,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Sarah Saba - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Duane! I just am missing you today! Thinking of times and memories.. Someday will the tears not fall? Loving you today and always!Sarah

August 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Miss you!!*

~

Sherrie Saba Jarama

April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Today is the second anniversary of your passing and I awoke with tears in my eyes. I miss you so much. Just wish I could hear your voice and your laughter once again. It is a sad day. Love you Duane!

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Duane, I cannot believe this day has come again. Another year and you are still so missed by so many people. you are in my thoughts and hope you are at peace. i will continue with the flowers at your grave. One promise i have made to hally and Sloan. Always remember the pink flowers are from sloan. As the years go on you will never be forgotten and as time heals may we all hold on to great memories of you. miss you more than you will ever know.

~

jane,

st louis park, Minnesota

jane - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Duane, I wanted to make sure I gave you birthday wishes on the 14th of March but was having problems with my computer. I Love you and miss you very much.

~

Ward Saba,

Blaine, Minnesota

Ward Saba - March 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Duane, On this, your 45th birthday, I want you to know that you will never be forgotten. Every March 14th and April 13th will never be the same in our lives. You are forever in our hearts. You made an imprint on our lives. We love you. Happy Birthday Brother!

~

Cindy Saba - Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Cindy Saba - Stoewer - March 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Duane, You are still in our thoughts everyday. Hally and Sloan

January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VK

“Dewer, i cant believe today has been a whole year since you have been gone. i feel like i just talked to you yesterday, i miss you so very much. Adriana is almost 2 years old and sloany she is getting so big. my world is not right without you in it... each year that passes you will still be missed the same and never be forgotten. i love you so much duane. RIP and love you lots

~

vanessa kaiser,

spring park, Minnesota

vanessa kaiser - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Duane, It was one year ago today that your life ended abruptly. I can't shake my grief. My heart is heavy and the tears are flowing often. I am just so sad and miss you so much dear brother. I thank God for having you in my life. For all of the laughter and love. You brightened the lives of so many. We are all learning to live with a hole in our hearts but know that one day we will see you again.

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Today is March 26, 2009 and I had a visitor with very sad news about Duane. A few years back he painted the whole inside of my home. Danny and him were working together at the time. What a joy it was to have them around, always laughing about something. A couple times he would bring Sloan over, she was everything to him, he loved her some much! He talked about how Hally and Sloan were going to be a family. I will miss that great personality and smile of his.

~

Jenny Day,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jenny Day - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Duane, Happy Birthday. I will always remember the partys mom had for you when we were young, I can still see all of your friends at our house playing games and having fun in the yard it is something I will always remember. Mom always made you a cake, she made your life growing up very special. and she Loved you very much as we all did, and still do. Happy Birthday I Love you and miss you.

~

Ward Saba,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ward Saba - March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Duane,Happy Birthday, we miss you so much.Hally and Sloan

March 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Duane,Last year on your birthday I tried calling you but had a wrong number. "Note to Self" - Get Duane's phone number. One month later you were gone forever. I guess we all need to do what we say we need to do. I could have chatted with you more. I still miss you every single day. You will never in 10 million years be forgotten. You were way too special. Happy 44th Birthday my little brother, Duane. You are forever in our hearts. Maybe you will hear us singing at your grave. LOVE, LOVE, LOVE.

~

Cindy & Jon Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Cindy & Jon Saba-Stoewer - March 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Duane, I assume you are watching over all of us and know and see what is going on. I'm sure you knew we could all live without you but probably had no idea how painful it would be for us. We are here but there is a huge dark hole in our hearts. I just want to sit and talk and laugh and hear you say I'm Snorry one more time. We love you Duane. We will ALWAYS Love You Forever!

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Just thinking of you again. thoughts of last year keep coming into my mind. wishing you were here to enjoy valentines and your birthday. i am so grateful that i was able to take you out for your birthday and those memories will stay with me always. happy to say i am going to spend valentines with hally and sloan. those two love you so much as we all do. may god bless you and always keep you safe.

~

jane,

st louis park

jane - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HA

“D, Valentines Day is just aroud the corner, God I miss you, Sloan misses you. She talks about you often, always in a present tense. She lost her front tooth the other day. Amajja is missing the same one, go figure. Sloan spent the weekend with Sarah, Noah, Lance & Isaiah. She really loves them. P.S. Sloan and I listen to Dave Matthews in the car, she hasn't forgotten :) :) Missing you more than you'll ever know,

~

Hally,

Minnetrista, Minnesota

Contact Me

Hally - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Another day passed and your still here in my thoughts like no time has passed. can't believe it has almost been a year already. Noah keeps having dreams that you are talking to him. I told him that it's true. That it's just your way of saying hello. I love you Duane !!!

~

Sarah Saba,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sarah Saba - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Duane, Still can't believe your gone, some days I will see your face clear as day and remember you doing something crazy for a laugh. I am sure you are at the peaceful place you always craved and deserved. Will love you always, Sandra.

~

Sandra Thon,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sandra Thon - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ hey Uncle Duane Just checkin up on you seeing how you've been doing? I still think of you every day and see you in my dreams.. I love you forever and for always.

August 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Hi Duane, Remember the conversation you and I had on the phone before you passed and what you told me about what you wanted for Sloan? Well I just want you to know that you got your wish. I miss you so much. I hung out with Hally and your buddies the other night and boy did we have a good time. Oh relax Duane!! It was all innocent and in good fun. On my way home that night I had a melt down. I think just being around your friends and talking about you made it really difficult to realize your passing. I know you are watching over me and the boys and we feel you around us all the time. God I miss you and love you with all my heart. I know you know that. Kisses and Hugs xoxoxox

~

sarah Saba,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Contact Me

sarah Saba - August 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Duane, we all really miss you, and dad misses you the most. we love you so much. It hurts to have you gone. in our prayers forever and for always.*

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Miss You Duane!*

~

Nicole Howe,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Nicole Howe - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Duane, Thinking of you on Memorial Day... I hope dad is playing harmonica music for you and you are singing along. We miss you and dad, as well as all those that are up there with you. Lots of Love to everyone!

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - May 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Duane I havent seen much of you lately but your Uncle Del and I loved you very much. Say hello to your uncle and give him my love.
Your aunt Dallas*

~

Dallas Saba,

Frazee, Minnesota

Dallas Saba - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Cindy, I was also thinking about the ketchup sandwiches duane use to eat, there would always be other food in the house but he always wanted a ketchup sandwich. Thats just one of the things that made him so special. Duane I hope you looked down from heaven and seen how many people were at your memorial service. It showed me how many peoples lifes you touched, you were Loved and cared about by a lot of people. I Love you brother and miss you God bless you.

~

Ward Saba,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ward Saba - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I'm sitting here thinking about the ketchup sandwiches you use to eat. You loved 2 pieces of bread smothered in ketchup. Did anyone else know that? Was he still making ketchup sandwiches?

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Duane, i just wanted to let you know how much i love you, this would be my second entry. I also wanted to tell you how beautiful i thought your funeral was. you had the whole place filled with people. If only you knew how many people loved you. let me tell ya i couldnt even move in that place. I miss you tons and cant wait to see you again. Hang in there. Love you and RIP.

April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Hally & Sloan, Roy and I will always be here for you, both. Duane knew he could always count on us. We already miss him far more than I ever knew could be possible. Just as his personality was bigger than life, his absence leaves an enormous space in our lives. There isn't a room in our home that wasn't touched by his talent and skill. Although we knew Duane before Hally and Sloan, he didn't really share his life with us until that little Angel SLOAN lit up his life. Danny & Daryl, No matter where you were or what was going on, Duane always acted like he was the BIG brother and could take care of everything. We believed it. Don't forget you have each other, and many others to lean on. Duane, Our lives will never be the same. This spring when I start my garden Sloan can help me build a "Peace" garden for you. Rest in Peace my friend. Love You, Miss You, bye

~

Roy & Karla Granum,

Minnetrista, Minnesota

Contact Me

Roy & Karla Granum - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Duane, Last night I had a dream that you called me and we talked and cried together for hours. We agreed to get together the next day and when I saw you we hugged. It was such a wonderful feeling. I felt like a little girl again, hugging my big brother. I always looked up to you and felt so lucky to have a brother who was so handsome, funny, talented and gave great hugs. When you hugged me and called me "sis" I always felt so special. I know you are watching over all of your friends and family today and realize now how much we all love you. Give grandpa a hug for me. Sis

~

Sherrie Saba Jarama,

Gilbert, Arizona

Contact Me

Sherrie Saba Jarama - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To all of you who are taking the time to remember Duane by reading and contributing to this guest book...We apologize, but as we have gathered together tonight, on the night before his memorial, and are putting together picture boards and reminiscing about each of our memories, we felt pulled to write one last time to Duane!Dearest Duane, As this guest book has shared with the world..."It takes a village to raise a child."Someone else wrote that they did not realize you had so much family...though your passing has created a void in so many of our lives, you can take comfort from heaven in knowing how many people are here to support and love Sloan. She will never be at a loss for family and she will always know her Saba side as well.We all love you, we all will miss you and as you finally have found peace in Heaven, we all are laughing and rejoicing with you!Continued peace on your journey!All of our love, Us

~

carrie speikers,

jordan, Minnesota

carrie speikers - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“uncle dewer, it is so hard to actually believe that you are gone forever. I know that i rarley ever got to see you but when i did it was so much fun. You were loved so much and there was still so much you had to show me. You meant a lot to me and i looked up to you in every way. say hi too great grandpa for me and i love you very much.

~

Josh Kaiser,

hopkins, Minnesota

Josh Kaiser - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“Duane,I never knew you had this much family.

April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Duane, How can this be You were always the strong one. Whenever things weren't right or I was having a hard time you would take me under your arm and make everything okay. I always had so much fun with you, you always made me feel special. The Plans we made, I'll always remember. I can't believe your gone this is so mixed up. You will be soooo missed. What will we all do without you??? You will always hold a very special place in my heart. I will miss you always. Love Dayna

~

Dayna Welch,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dayna Welch - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ Dewy there is know way I could tell you how much you have and will always mean to me in my life. From the age of 16 we have shared our lives together as best freinds. Even though we both moved forward with our lives. we always stayed connected and the best of freinds. Myself you and tom had a bond that this world or the next can not break. We even shared poor spelling and bad grammer. so I will put these in there case I missed any ? / ; : " ' we graduated from hopkins go figure. My children weeped when they heard the news as I did when I found you. chris and camille loved having you over and will miss all the crap and the teasing you would give them. They love you and sloan very much. I will try and share with sloan everything about you that I know to be true. Like the love you had for her mother your family and your friends. How much you enjoyed fishing up at steve's and your passion for golfing. I will even tell her you where good at it..... lets face it dew there will be some things she will never need to know. But most important how much she ment to you. I enjoyed watching you dote over her. You were a great dad. one of the best. I new you got ticked off sometimes that I would call you everyday. But I would see you get upset when I missed a couple days too. Words could never say how much I will miss you my friend. I will try my best to be there for hally and sloan. Even though im writting this note to you with a shatterd heart. It will heal. I forgive you. I love you and I will miss you. love chuck

~

chuck howerton,

maple grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

chuck howerton - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ To Duane I will always remember your great sense of humor you brought to all of us. You could of made anyone Laugh. You could always entertain My brother and I with your awesome magic tricks and model rockets we would build and launch together. I will always remember bowling on Sundays in Chanhassen with you my mom and my brother your wild bowling throw made us laugh every time. I will always remember You uncle Dewer and the big green van. You will be in our thoughts forever. Rest In Peace

~

Alex Thon,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Alex Thon - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of the righteousness for His name sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thy rod and Thy staff art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presents of mine enemies : Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

~

Echo Rivera,

Brooklyn Park

Contact Me

Echo Rivera - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *Duane, I've always had unspoken words of Love for you! My feelings remained in a quiet place in my heart! It hurts to say good bye to you this way! Knowing you are Sloan & Hally's Guardian Angel shall ease the pain we have in our Hearts!!!!!!! Peace & Love My Friend... Nicky(The Gypsy)*

~

Nicole Howe,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Nicole Howe - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ From all of your friends here at the office, we would like to express our deepest sympathies to you Sloan. You mean so much to us. We hope that you know our thoughts and prayers are with you. With Love - Your Friends at the Office

April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sloan (and Halley): We are truly sorry to hear of your father's passing. Sloan, we know that you will always have such wonderful memories of your father. We know how very proud he was of you and how much he loved you, and how much you loved him. Our deepest sympathy to you at this very difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.-- Joe, Suz, Alec, and Julia

April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ I knew Duane in High School. I am very sorry for your family's loss.
My God bless you all during this difficult time.

~

Diane Zachary,

Hanover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Diane Zachary - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mom Saba - I feel soooo sad this week, I just cannot stop crying. I cannot imagine the pain you must feel, raising Duane from the time he was 3 years old and for 13 years..he was a son to you and dad. Feel comforted knowing you did the best you could to give him a normal life! Even though we didn't have much money we always had fun. I remember all the hugs and kisses you gave Duane. You loved him so much as we all do, and I just want to say, "THANK YOU" for everything mom...as Jesus would say..."Well done my child!" From all the school, church, and social activities, you gave him the best you could and I'm sure Duane is smiling down on you with appreciation. He was a happy child with a grin from ear to ear, and cuter than a bug's ear. He could always get his way just by smiling with his eyes twinkling and that devilish look on his face! Duane, you were quite a character with a dazzling personality that melted our hearts. Mom, my prayers are with you...at 82 years old I'm sure this kind of stress is not good for your heart, so take it easy knowing your children are praying for you, and we love you very very much. "Call upon the name of Jesus, and HE will give you rest!" "I am the resurrection and the LIFE, he who BELIEVES in me and dies, yet shall he live."

~

Connie Saba-Husby,

Circle Pines, Minnesota

Contact Me

Connie Saba-Husby - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Duane, I look at you as not only being a friend, but I also look at you as being family. I will never forget you, and I am quite sure that anyone that ever knew you will say the same. We had alot of good times when we were kids, wether it was at your house when all the folks would get together to play cards, or wether it was at little toad lake during the summer months. I remember when we both felt so big because we both landed a job working with the campgrounds earnig a pop, sandwich, candy bar, and free swimming for the day. My prayers go out to you duane, and your family and freinds. May you always be in gods grace. Your FRIEND, Brad Bulger...

~

Brad Bulger,

Fridley, Minnesota

Brad Bulger - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Saba Family, My sympathy is with you at this difficult time. Duane will always hold a spot in the heart and mind of the many people he touched. He will always be remembered for his sweet smile, kind heart, generosity beyond belief and his never-ending sense of humor. Although the Bulger family is not related by blood, we are by love. Rest in peace, sweet boy. Give Grandpa John a hug from us.*

~

Jan (Bulger) Palmer,

Isanti

Contact Me

Jan (Bulger) Palmer - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HA

“Dewer/Daddy-O/Duane, Sloan and I will miss you more than anything, She loves you so much and she always will. You were such a good father to her. I will do my best to raise her so that you may look down and be proud of her. Sloan is the best thing that ever happend to me, and I want to thank you for that. I know that you loved her more than anything in the whole world. She feels the same way about you. I wish I could have gotten to meet and know your family over the years we spent together. The have all been so wonderful and concerned about Sloan. I know they will all be there for Sloan in the many difficult years she has ahead of her. You were loved by all. Ruppert finally came out of hiding last night after four days, He walked over and jumped up on Chucks lap just as he always did. We will never forget you!

~

Hally,

Minnetrista, Minnesota

Hally - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ As I read through the guest book it is so clear how many people loved and cared for you Duane, I hope that you can see and hear the wonderful things everyone has shared. I will miss you my friend. Thank you for your special smile, the one where you would look out of the corner of your eye with that mischievious grin, it was very contagious. Thank you for your encouraging words when I needed them in the past. Thank you for bringing your precious daughter into this world for whom we will always cherish. Thank you for your friendship, it meant a lot to me. God bless you Duane, you will be missed so very much by so very many.

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Susan Pastuck,

Minnetrista, Minnesota

Susan Pastuck - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My precious Duane, "LATER DAYS" I Love You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Ma

~

Gail Melton,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Contact Me

Gail Melton - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Norma and all my cousins, especially Connie and Dean: I was so sorry to learn of Duane's passing. I did not know him, but I do share in your sorrow and with that of his immediate family. I trust that your faith and the prayers and love of your family and friends will bring all of you a special sense of God's love, grace and peace during this time of loss and grief. Love, Mary Saba Wolter Halverson

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Mary Wolter,

New Brighton, Minnesota

Mary Wolter - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Duane, Words cannot explain the loss that so many feel. You were a very special friend. one that i will hold at my heart forever. I'll never forget when you called a couple weeks ago telling me that you and sloan were hanging all her stuff animals to the wall because it made you feel so good to see sloan so happy. we will all hold on to all of our special memories of you. it is so hard to say good bye for i have lost my dearest true friend. Thank you for being a part of my life along with my kids. i hope someday i will meet you in my dreams to know that you are ok. may you rest in peace free from all your sadness and pain. with that duane know that abbey, Austin and i will always love you. love, Jane, Abbey & Austin

~

Jane Nelson,

St Louis Park

Jane Nelson - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sloan And Hallyl know that Duane loved you both so very much and would want nothing more then for the two of you to be taken care of and watched over, to make sure that you both live a happy and fun filled life. I also know that he will be watching over you both with a full heart everyday. Being able to watch his Little girl grow older and into a woman. I know that duane would want that and for Sloan to be taken care of. Sloan we know that you will miss your dad, we all will miss your dad. Duane was a great person and a even greater father, watching sloan playing with him and even more fun watching her on the phone with him brought warm feelings to all of our hearts. Sloan i just want you to know that we are here for you, as a family with care and love for you. We will be here to watch over you just as your father will do from heaven. Duane all i can say is that you will be missed, but never forgotten. You will live on for years in our hearts and minds and through the long lived life of your beautiful little girl. We love you all.

~

Justin McGrand,

Fargo, North Dakota

Contact Me

Justin McGrand - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Duane, Somehow I can't help but to write in your guestbook once again. To think that we shall not speak again until I reach heaven, is unthinkable. To think I will never feel your strong arms around me, breaks my heart. Growing up with you and Ward was so much fun. I was considerably older, but I loved and adored every minute of having you in our household and part of my life as a brother. Jon, Alex and Rachel loved you very much as well. On Saturday we will meet to say our official goodbye's, but there will never be a goodbye for me. You will always live on in my heart, in my memories, in my daily thoughts and my prayers. I know that "For God So Loved the World that He Gave His Only Begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER Believeth in Him, Shall NOT Perish, but have ETERNAL LIFE! I know, Dear Duane, that you believed in Him and are in heaven without any sorrows, only glories. As dad use to play on his harmonica and we'd sing: You are My Sunshine, My Only Sunshine, You make me Happy when skies are gray. You'll never know dear, how much I loved you... Please don't take my sunshine away. The other night dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms, When I awoke dear, I was mistaken, so I hung my head and I cried. With love forever, Your big sis... Cindy

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I spent a lot of time with you when we were kids. Seemed like Grandma and Grandpa were always babysitting me! We used to play tag and kickball in their backyard or alley (I thought that was so cool that they had an alley!) Christmas time we would sit around Grandpa while he was playing the harmonica. We always tried to see who could sing the loudest (it wasn't pretty!) I will forever be grateful for the time that I had to go to California on business. You picked me up from the airport and took me to Hollywood so I could see what it was really like...not so glamorous! I will cherish those memories and photos forever! Now you are with Grandpa. I am sure he is so happy to see you. Make sure he knows how much he is still missed. My son, Braydon, cries for him to this day. Take care of each other up there, Duane and please know how much you were loved and how deeply you will be missed. Hally and Sloan...keep his memories alive and never forget how much he loved you! Love you cuz!

~

Kim (Saba) Schultz,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kim (Saba) Schultz - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Uncle Dewer, I'm having a very hard time trying to deal with you being gone. You were the unc, that always understood who i am. we understood eachother. When i found out my heart sank so deep that i couldnt breathe. We were so close. we understood eachother. Your hugs will never be forgotten you always gave the best hugs. Your smile was was always so touching. I tried being serious around you and i just couldnt help but laugh when you smiled. Sloans smile is identical to yours, Every time i look at her all i see is you. And its going to be hard looking into those eyes and not crying. I just miss you so much. I know you will be in our hearts. You were everything to me. May you rest now that the pain is gone. but just know how many people love you and care for you. And know that i'm HERE for Sloan. And always will be. As you know i've been there for Sloan and always will be. The other night her and Adriana had a blast together and as you know sloany named her baby Adriana. I will be there for her through thick and thin. A Poem for You...You left one starry night. Without any warning in sight. I never was given the chance to say good-bye. It seemed our time just flew right by. I know the angels were calling your name. Without you here, life will never be the same. You meant the world to me and there are things I will never know. You were an uncle with an everlasting glow. You were so full of life and happiness. You were the one who took away my sadness. You always had faith in me. And you were always excited to see me succeed. Your body is no longer with us. However your spirit still lives. I take comfort knowing you are my angel. Duane I love you with the bottom of my heart just know that. I will be with you forever and for always. Rest in Peace Angel.

~

Vanessa Kasier,

Mound, Minnesota

Contact Me

Vanessa Kasier - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ To my friend Duane, I will always remember your great sense of humor. You could always make me laugh. I will always remember you for your creativity and ingenuity, especially your magic tricks. A few months back, we had a phone conversation and you called me your friend and told me I was a stand up guy. It meant a lot to me. I will miss you, as I know many others will. You will always live on in your daughter, and in the hearts of your many friends and family.

~

Nathan Hitchings,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nathan Hitchings - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *To my best friend duane I know we were just kids in high school when we first met. But over all the years we shared alot together. U were very much apart of Alex and Luke's life while they were growing up. Chuck and I cared and loved u very much. U probably never knew how much. I know how much u loved Sloan she was your world. With Sloan there will always be apart of u with me. I will always love u 4ever. One of your best friends..... Tom Thon...*

~

Tom Thon,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Tom Thon - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ VALENTINES DAY 2008 AT CULVERS RESTAURANT IN MOUND MINNESOTA ABOUT MID DAY I SAT AT A TABLE STARING OUT THE WINDOW WITH NOTHING TO SAY. I DID NOT NOTICE AT FIRST GLANCE THE MAN STANDING OUTSIDE WAVING HIS HANDS. YOU CAME TO MY TABLE ONE HAND BEHIND YOUR BACK. THE WORDS FROM YOU, THAT CAME FROM YOUR MOUTH, THE SMILE ON YOUR FACE JUST WARMED MY HEART.(WOULD YOU BE MY VALENTINE AND A CANDY BAR YOU GAVE) I SMILED WITH A TEAR IN MY EYE, THANK YOU BROTHER, YOU MADE MY DAY~! DEAR DUANE, NO MATTER HOW FAR AWAY YOU ARE YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART. LOVE FOREVER, YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW DEBBIE

~

DEBBIE WILSON,

ROCKFORD, Minnesota

DEBBIE WILSON - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Duane I knew u and danny from high school. I've seen u a few times since. It seems u had alot of friends and were loved. My prayers and thoughts are with u and your family. Rest in peace. Hope u r in a better place...xxoo

~

Becky Williams,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Becky Williams - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear DUANE, I miss you already~! You had a special way about you that made it easy for anyone to know you + like YOU! It was like we knew each other for ever! THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!!! You will be MISSED SORELY BY ALL~! Jeff Collins

~

Jeff Collins,

Rockford, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jeff Collins - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Duanel hope you know how much I miss you. Grampa and I have Loved you so very much over all of these years,Our hearts were broken when you left home I cried for days. I know you always loved going up to little toad lake and you always made friends where ever you were. Duane I am so glad I raised you knowing God because He will take great care of you up in heaven. May god bless you until we meet again, may you rest in peace all my Love.Grandma (mom)

~

Norma Saba,

Blaine, Minnesota

Norma Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ If your reading this, I know you wish, you had just one more day to take your time and speak your mind, and say what you never say. If your reading this, I know you wish, you had just one more hour to share in bliss, blow a kiss, and hold him with all your power. If your reading this, its my wish, that you reach down deep inside, and get on the phone, and say hello to those, before Gods call is the first in line. by: Sarah Saba

~

Sarah Saba,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Sarah Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Dearest Duane, I remember growing up with you as my wonderful uncle - it wasn't until I was a lot older that I realized you were actually my cousin! You are so loved by the Saba family and will always live on in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who are so sad to lose you in this life. Love, your niece/cousin,*

~

Traci (Saba) Kubisiak,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Traci (Saba) Kubisiak - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Duane, Our families have known each other since we were little kids, playing ditch, skating and sliding at windom park. Vacations on little toad lake. Alot of great memories. We even ran into each other on a flight to mexico, that was a shocker. I know well bump into each other again someday. Bless you and your family.

~

Ron Bulger,

Blaine, Minnesota

Ron Bulger - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Sloan, your Daddy loved you very much. He always said you were the best thing that ever happened in his life. Each time I would see him he would tell me how wonderful his little girl is and pull out his newest photos of you. He was very proud of you. If he wasn't telling people about you he was doing a magic trick; he always did like to make people smile. Your Dad now sits with God and his angels, together they will forever watch over you and your Mother. He loved you both so very much. I will miss him dearly.

~

Sandra Thon,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sandra Thon - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Do you remember what you looked like in 1982? Wow...Duane was for sure the cat's meow!*

~

Carrie Speikers,

Jordan, Minnesota

Carrie Speikers - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Duane~Please know how missed you will be and how much you were always loved! You will be missed deeply.To my dad, all my aunts, uncles, cousins, grandma, Hally and Sloan everyone will get through this together knowing that Duane is with grandpa watching over each and everyone of us.My thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

~

Kori Kielty (Saba),

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kori Kielty (Saba) - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Dewer, You are my little brother that I looked up to like a big brother. I can't believe you are gone forever. I'm absolutely stunned and wish that I could see you again. I will forever cherish the memories and experiences that we shared together. You will be dearly missed by many friends, family and myself. I know that life can be difficult and you had your struggles. I'm so sorry that you are gone. I hope that you are in a better place now and that you are at peace. All I have now is memories of you and I hope that someday we will meet again in Heaven. I promise to be there for Sloan whenever she needs me too. I know that you are gone but will never be forgotten. I love you my brother with all my heart and always will. Even though you are gone, I can't say goodbye. My life will always have an empty spot in it without you because you mean so much to me as a brother. Rest in peace my bro. Love Always, Danny

~

Danny Saba,

Chicago, Illinois

Contact Me

Danny Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Next picture that I mentioned... Love you Dewey!

~

Cindy Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Stoewer - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Okay Dewey, You asked for it. You didn't realize you would be the first person with a 5,000 page guestbook! LOL. My tearducts are drained. I will have to drink more water to shed more tears. If you were here to read this, you would definitely understand this next line... I am so SNORRY that this happened! You see (to all reading this) when Duane got mad at someone, yet had to apologize, he would get that cute little Duane grin on his face and say through gritted teeth "I'm SNORRY." (SOUNDING LIKE "SORRY." How could such a brat be so loveable? How could I call him a brat right now you ask? Please look at it as an endearment. I could say a million things and eventually might type it all right here, but meanwhile, take a look at these gorgeous pictures. I believe his darling daughter Sloan was 5 in this solo picture (not sure) and she is now 6. She was probably 2(?) in the picture of her and daddy. With Love and a little sassiness for his Sister/Aunt Cindy.

~

Cindy Saba-Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Saba-Stoewer - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My loving brother,Its really hard to write this because I just want to pick up the phone and call. Duane, the conversation we had on the phone a couple weeks ago makes me understand a whole lot. I know the pain and hurts you had and im sorry I couldn't have eased that pain more. I know that you are embraced by Grandpa and God and looking down on all of us. I want you to know that I will forever hold you in my heart and I love you. So take your wings and fly!!Love you,your little "Sarry"

~

Sarah Saba,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sarah Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Sloan & Haley, We all will miss that Duane is not here in the flesh with us anymore, but he will always be with us in heart and spirit. I will continue to remember the times we shared to together, as friends and family. Duane always treated my daughter as his daughter and I will make sure that we are here for ANYTHING for you or Sloan.*

~

The Fields Family,

Mound, Minnesota

The Fields Family - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Brother Dewer ive always held you in my heart . growing up you were like the fonz in my eyes from watching you pop wheelies on a motorcycles in the ally N.E to teaching me how to box in the gym in hopkins you're so cool I will miss always love your bro Joey*

~

Joe Saba,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Contact Me

Joe Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ Duane, one thing I was told was to write you a letter of things I wanted to say to you. The second thing I was told was to make a memorial by planting a tree, or having dinner on your birthday every year in your memory. This helps with the grieving process. Duane...I always loved you...or should I call you Dewey...your smile could light up the room! God blessed you even though you may not have realized it. You may not have ever felt loved, but so many are emotionally in pain because of their love for you and the loss we are experiencing. Mom had you confirmed in the church and we know you knew God, so my prayers are for HIS mercy upon your soul. Danny and Darryl...Sherrie and Monica, I'm so sorry for your loss! Please know we are all praying for the whole family for the comfort only God can give. I love you all. Sloan, dear sweet girl, remember your daddy and know how much he loved you. Make him proud sweetie. Mom (Grandma Saba) - KNOW you did the best job raising Duane! Duane - You will be missed! When you see Grandpa John in heaven...have him play a tune for you on his harmonica...Feel the peace of the Holy Spirit. Always know we love you, and you will be missed terribly.

~

Your Aunt/Sister, Connie Saba-Husby,

Circle Pines, Minnesota

Your Aunt/Sister, Connie Saba-Husby - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Duane's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family and friends. Duane has always held a special place in my heart and will truly be missed.*

~

Ren'ee (Sailer) Tonkinson,

Baxter, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ren'ee (Sailer) Tonkinson - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Duane, We will all miss you. You were always the image of strength in our family and were loved by us all. When you see Dad tell him we miss him down here but also tell him his humor memories live on. Rest in peace Duane and may God grant you his peace.

~

Dean Saba,

Fridley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dean Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Sloan, The loss of a loved one is never easy, but there are better days ahead. Your father loved you very much, Sloan. He loved watching you play, dance and learn as you grew from an infant to a young lady. The love and compassion that is a part of your personality is a gift from him; and through this gift, he will always be with you. Your dad was so proud of you. You truly were the “apple of his eye”.

~

Laureen McIlree,

Waverly, Minnesota

Laureen McIlree - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Duane You were my younger brother and we had alot of good times growing up. I will always remember going up to windom park to go ice skating and play hockey and I will never forget when your nose was broken by a flying hockey puck, or how when you broke your arm and had a cast you would always tell everyone in the neighborhood you would hit them with it if you did not get your way. I also liked when we could walk to school together,all the christmas mornings we would get up early hoping to catch santa we never did. And the easter mornings that mom would hide our Easter baskets and you would always find mine first and tell me where it was. Thank God mom and dad made our child hood a very memorable one. God bless you brother you will always be in my thoughts and prayers, I will never forget you, tell dad Hi from me up in heaven. Remember mom and dad Loved you very much.

~

Ward Saba,

Blaine, Minnesota

Ward Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ My heart, sympathy and prayers go out to all of Duane’s family and friends. I have many wonderful memories of Duane when he lived with me and my ex-husband. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and he knew how to make me smile. Tears have been cried that pour like the rain, I know that you are happy now and longer in any pain. Hey, Duane, say hi to my daddy-o up there will ya! “If we could bring you back again, For one more hour or day, We’d express all our unspoken love; We’d have countless things to say. If we could bring you back again, we’d say we treasured you, And that your presence in our lives Meant more than you ever knew. If we could bring you back again, To tell you what we should, You’d know how much we miss you, And if we could, we would. “

~

Cherie Newstrom,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cherie Newstrom - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Duane, You are always in my heart as one of my big brothers. My memories of you keep me smiling, even as my eyes fill with tears. I was lucky to have you in my life. You are one of my heroes...One of the "D Brothers," a triple threat of fun and laughter. I know God is taking care of you the same way you took care of me when I was little...held safe in his arms with a lot of love.

~

Cynthia Saba,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cynthia Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Duane touched the hearts of so many people. I am saddened to hear of his passing. We grew up together as neighbors and friends. I have many happy memories of Duane that have made me smile over the years and they will continue to make me smile every time I think of him in the future. I am thankful for the gift of knowing Duane. May he be at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with all those grieving. Duane you will be missed, forever loved and never forgotten!

~

Lori (Meyer) Ritzko,

NE Minneapolis, Minnesota

[Contact Me](#)

Lori (Meyer) Ritzko - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

R(

“ *May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.*

~

Rhonda Burman (Sailer),

Maple Plain, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rhonda Burman (Sailer) - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ HALLY AND SLOANIE, WE LOVE YOU BOTH SO VERY MUCH. SLOAN YOUR DADDY IS SMILING DOWN ON YOU TODAY AND EVERYDAY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU BOTH AND THE ENTIRE SABA FAMILY. JILL MCGRAND

~

Jill MCGrand,

Minnetrista

Contact Me

Jill MCGrand - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My heart is broken. Duane was my brother and my nephew. We shared our childhood together. We shared secrets and played games. A piece of me will be missing forever but I am thankful that for many years, he lived in our home and I was able to call him my brother. WE WILL FOREVER MISS YOU DUANE. YOU WERE A BRIGHT SHINING LIGHT IN THIS WORLD, although you did not realize it. Hang out with Grandpa John up in heaven and let him know that we are all here remembering both of you.*

~

Cindy Saba Stoewer,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Saba Stoewer - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *This was a real shock to me. Duane was always so full of life. My memories of him are always happy. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family at this sad time.*

~

marilou starr(olsen),

anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

marilou starr(olsen) - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ *Duane will always be in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss him deeply. May you be comfortable and rest at peace now!*

~

Kelli Patrin (Saba),

Ramsey, Minnesota

Kelli Patrin (Saba) - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Duane's family and friends during this difficult time. Duane, you will be missed! Rest in Peace.*

~

Jody Speich (Preston),

Minnetonka

Contact Me

Jody Speich (Preston) - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of his passing. There are so many great memories of Duane, ones that I will keep with me forever - - he will be missed by so many people. Take care and god be with you.*

~

Karin Harmsen,

Delano, Minnesota

Karin Harmsen - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Duane, You were and continue to be loved and will always hold a place in my heart. Go with God and be forever at Peace! God Bless You!*

~

Gary Saba,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gary Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Ron, Barb, Danny, Daryl, Sherrie, Monica, and Sloan. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son, brother and father Duane. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

~

Kristi Saba,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kristi Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Duane, One of my "big brothers"...growing up, You and Danny set the bar for what I wanted in a future boyfriend (what was I thinking???)... Good looking, friendly, and funny... Oh My GOD YOU HAVE ALWAYS MADE ME LAUGH...I looked up to you and when I have ever thought about you and when I continue to think about you it will be of your smile, your voice, your amazing personality and your ability to circle me in your arms and give the best hugs...what a great guy you are!!!!!!!!!!My heart is less heavy because I know that we are blessed with an all Knowing, all Forgiving and all Loving God! May you find eternal happiness enfolded in His arms!Always with LOVEYour "sister"Carrie Beth

~

Carrie Speikers,

Jordan, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carrie Speikers - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Carrie and family Jesus is holding your dear brother Duane so close right now. Know that he is safe in heaven. Take it one day at a time and keep the faith. You are a strong person and your faith is so alive~just believe. With all my love Connie

~

Connie Hennen,

Jordan, Minnesota

Connie Hennen - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Ron, Barb, Danny, Daryl, Sherrie, Monica, Hally and Sloan, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son/brother/father Duane. He will be truly missed. He will be in my thoughts and prayers. Though we may never know why god took him so soon, just remember one thing. Duane will always be looking down upon all of us. Love, Kristi Saba

~

Kristi Saba,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kristi Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Norma, and family, I am so sorry to hear about Duane, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Vicki Johnson Heikkila Fridley Mn*

April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *My thoughts and sympathy go out to the family of Duane. My memories of him will always make me smile. Rest in Peace, Duane. We'll miss you.*

~

Kari Annoni,

St Louis Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kari Annoni - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *My heart goes out to you at this time and in the days ahead. I was so sorry to hear of the news. I will pray for Duane your family.*

~

Thomas Reynolds,

Centreville, Virginia

Contact Me

Thomas Reynolds - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ You will be missed by your uncle Cory and aunt Teri. We pray that your soul is now with our Lord in heaven and that you may rest in peace forever.

~

Cory Saba,

Blaine, Minnesota

Cory Saba - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM