



Arden Leon Sunwall

July 25, 1951 - May 14, 2019

Arden Leon Sunwall, 67, of Great Falls, MT died on May 14th in the year of our Lord 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT. At his passing he was lovingly surrounded by his wife, children, and youngest brother. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 25th at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church followed by a reception at Solid Rock Bible Church. A graveside service will take place approximately 3:00 p.m. at Highland Cemetery just south of Great Falls. Memorials may be designated to Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church or the Great Falls Rescue Mission.

Arden Leon Sunwall was born July 25, 1951, in Conrad, MT. He is the eldest child of Samuel and Doris (Stole) Sunwall. After graduation from Dutton High School, he attended Eisenhower College in New York for three years. He also attended Lutheran Brethren Bible College in Fergus Falls, MN where he met his future wife Martha Low.

Arden and Martha were married at the Conrad Mission Church. After marriage, they moved to Salt Lake City, UT where their first child Krista was born. They moved to Great Falls where they remained, and had three more children: Carrie, Katherine, and David. Arden was a devoted husband and loving father.

Arden was an outdoor enthusiast and avid gardener. He enjoyed hiking and exploring the mountains of Montana. When traveling Arden tended to emphasize the journey rather than the destination. For him, getting there was half the fun, and he loved to take the backroads. He loved talking to people and getting to know their life stories, even strangers. Arden genuinely cared about people. Above all, Arden was a Christian, a follower and disciple of Jesus Christ. He was brought to the Lord in Christian baptism by his parents. He was a long time member of Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, where he served as an elder and organist. Arden served faithfully at the Great Falls Rescue Mission. For many years he played piano for chapel services, and for the last two years he worked as a business office clerk.

Survivors include his beloved wife Martha and his four children and their families, Krista

and Jed Koljonen of Great Falls and their son Bode; Carrie and Joe Matter of Great Falls; Katherine Sunwall of Great Falls; and David and Shaina Sunwall of Salt Lake City and their children Samuel and Caleb. Additional survivors include siblings Marie (Roy) Barsness of Kirkland, WA; Darrell (Janet) Sunwall of Issaquah, WA; Rolfe (Lillian) Sunwall of Great Falls; Maureen (Curt) Nelson of Webb, SK; and Ron (Lynn) Sunwall of Great Falls. Arden was preceded in death by his parents and his dear sister Doreen.

Events

MAY 25 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM
Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church
1304 4th Avenue North, Great Falls, MT, US, 59401

MAY 25 **Open House** 12:30PM
Solid Rock Bible Church
751 4th AVE Northwest, Great Falls, MT, US, 59404

MAY 25 **Graveside Service** 03:00PM
Highland Cemetery - Great Falls MT
2010 33rd AVE South, Great Falls, MT, US, 59405

Comments



“ My deepest condolences to the family. May our Heavenly Father comfort and strengthen you, for He lovingly says at Isaiah 41:10 "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you." Jesus also reminds us at John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." (John 11:25) Your loved one will live again and tears and pain will be a thing of the past Revelations 21:3,4.

Monique - May 27, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ Spent a lot of time at the Sunwall home & farm. Lots of great memories! Those boys gave their Mom a run for her money What a great family. He will definitely be missed!

Diane Scott Debolt - May 22, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ Sending my thoughts to you, Krista, and family in the loss of your dear father. It's so hard to lose someone who's been with you since before the beginning. May your love and shared memories sustain you. Pat Rosenleaf

Pat Rosenleaf - May 22, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Thank you, Mrs. Rosenleaf. I will cherish all of my memories with my dad.

Krista Koljonen - June 02, 2019 at 01:07 AM



“ Dear Martha, Carrie and the entire family. It has been such a joy to have known Arden over my 10 years of ministry at the Great Falls Rescue Mission. He was passionate about caring for the people we serve and sharing the love of Jesus with each one. It has been a special blessing over the last few years as he took over my wife's former ministry here in the admin office. It was so amazing to see the excitement that Arden would show as he processed each donation. He prayed over the mail when he picked it up and then prayed over each donation. We will all miss his smiles and the wonderful conversations that we had with him. He truly is a blessing. One of the things I have always enjoyed about your family is how you did so many things as a family, from hikes to camping to celebrating holidays. He served the Lord all of these years and is now with the Lord. The Lord is pleased with his life. I earnestly pray for you Martha and the whole family.

Jim kizer - May 22, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ Dear Martha and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Arden, from the first time I met him was always someone that I strived to be like as I grew in my faith and love of Jesus. He was the model of what a Christian man should strive to be, gentle, loving, caring. He modeled how the fruits of the Spirit create in each of us an image of what Jesus character was like.

I will never forget the times I was able to spend with Arden hiking in the mountains to various destinations. These were special times that are captured on photo's that I go back and look at and remember how special it is to have friends like Arden.

You and your family will be remembered by us in our prayers and if there is anything we can do to help and support you now or in the future please let us know.

Rick and Sherri Bandy

Rick Bandy - May 22, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ When I was a junior or senior in high school, Dad hired Arden to help with harvest when Duane was away at school. Whenever Arden drove combine, I drove truck. We always unloaded the combine into the truck on the go. After taking a 3rd combine load on the truck, I started to pull the truck away and the back corner of the truck box hit the edge of the header, bending the back corner of the truck box to where grain started pouring out into the ground (oops!). Of course we stopped to assess the situation. A lot of grain was pouring out of the hole. While Arden was trying to find a way to stop the grain, I ran home to get Dad (no CB or cell phones then). Before I left, Arden was insisting it was his fault and told me to tell Dad that. I was 99.999999% sure it was my fault, but Arden didn't want Dad to get mad at me. But I told Dad it was my fault, and when Dad and I got back to the field with an empty truck and tools to hopefully fix the bent box, Arden apologized profusely, told Dad it was his fault and said he'd pay to fix the truck and combine (cuz it turned out it bent that, too). Of course Dad wouldn't hear of that. He was a little upset for the setback, but wasn't mad at anyone. He and Arden worked together to fix the issues as best they could (once the truck got unloaded, Dad ended up having to make some more extensive repairs). In spite of that mishap, Arden and I made a great harvest team, and we continued to dump on the go.

Linda Fullet - May 20, 2019 at 09:38 PM