

Russell J. Naber

February 26, 1959 – November 26, 2009

Russell Naber died in a fatal head-on car accident while traveling on Highway 70, just north of Spooner, Wisconsin on Thursday, November 26, 2009. Russell lived in Pine City, Minnesota at the time of his death. He was 50 years old.

Russell's world changed shortly after he was born when he contracted meningitis, resulting in profound deafness. He attended St. John's Elementary School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, WI, South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) in Sioux Falls, SD, and Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., requiring him to spend most of his childhood away from his family.

Russell graduated from SDSD in 1977. He was a well-liked and a somewhat quiet student who participated in basketball and track during his high school years at SDSD. He loved to be in the print shop, helping with the Rushmore Beacon and other printing tasks in need to meet deadlines.

He lived in St. Paul, MN and worked for the U.S. Postal Service until 1987 when he moved to Pine City.

Russell had a passion for cars and recreational vehicles; taking them apart and rebuilding them. His hobbies included racing remote control cars and flying remote control airplanes.

A memorial service for Russell was held on December 28th at St. Liborious Catholic Church in Polo, SD. Russell was laid to rest beside his mother, Carol Ann Martinmass Naber and sister Jodine Marie Naber Shipe. The service was followed by a luncheon at Polo High School.

The family wishes to thank their extended family, friends, and collegues for their support and prayers in memory of our son, brother, uncle, and friend, Russell.



