Douglas A. Lau

September 19, 1952 – December 14, 2017



Douglas Lau, 65, Omaha, NE formerly of Mitchell, SD died Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Quality Living Center in Omaha.

Douglas Lau was born September 19, 1952 in Mitchell, SD to Alvin and Lavon (Bucknell) Lau. Doug attended kindergarten in Mitchell, but due to his physical handicaps of Cerebral Palsy and severe deafness finished his education away from home. His education included three years at the Crippled Children's Hospital and School and the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) in Sioux Falls. He graduated at SDSD in 1970. He took a business course at the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center in Hot Springs, AR. While living with his parents in Madison he was employed by the City of Madison for Summer Recreation Programs working with young children. When they moved to Aberdeen he was employed with the Internal Revenue Services. In 1974 he began working for Norwest Bank, presently Wells Fargo, where he worked for over 15 years, until he was forced to go on disability due to Multiple Sclerosis. Even with his handicaps Doug was active in sports, softball, volleyball, darts and pool. He also served as an usher in his church. While living at Quality Living, Inc., a long term nursing facility he was active in teaching Sign Language to the staff and resident. Doug was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church in Omaha and Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mitchell.

He is survived by his mother, Lavon Lau, sister, Sandy (George) Knockenhauer, nephew, Mike (Shelby) Knockenhauer, great nephews, Mike, Jr. and Jack and baby girl Knockenhauer all of Omaha. Doug was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Lau, grandparents, Marcus and Minnie Lau and John and Gertrude Bucknell.

Mass of Christian Burial was 11:00 Tuesday, December 19 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mitchell. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the services on Tuesday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Arrangements were with the Bittner Funeral Chapel in Mitchell. Memorials were preferred to be made to Quality Living, Inc., 6404 N. 70th Plz, Omaha, NE 68104.



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