

"Bless the Broken Road"

(Hanna, Hummon and Boyd)

I set out on a narrow way, many years ago
Hoping I would find true love along the broken road.
But I got lost a time or two
Wiped my brow and kept pushing through
I couldn't see how every sign pointed straight to you.

Every long lost dream led me to where you are
Others who broke my heart, they were like Northern stars
Pointing me on my way into your loving arms
This much I know is true
That God blessed the broken road
That led me straight to you.

I think about the years I spent, just passing through.
I'd like to have the time I lost and give it back to you.
But you just smile and take my hand
You've been there, you understand
It's all a part of a grander plan that is coming true.

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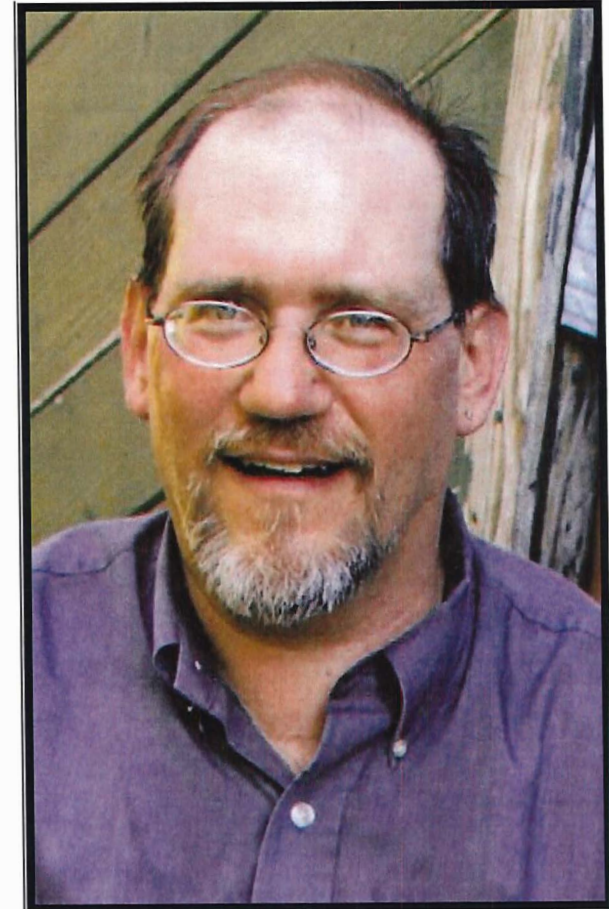
Now I'm just rolling home
Into my lover's arms.
This much I know is true
That God blessed the broken road
That led me straight to you.

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A Celebration of the Life of

John Leland Sauter



Friday, August 19, 2011

4 to 8 pm

Bismarck Funeral Home

John Leland Sauter January 7, 1963 • August 12, 2011

John Leland Sauter, 48, passed from this life August 12, 2011, at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck. John's wishes for his body to be donated to the UND School of Medicine have been carried out, with cremation to take place at a later date. A time of remembrance for family and friends will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 19th at Bismarck Funeral Home, 3723 Lockport Street, Bismarck.



John was born January 7, 1963, in Bismarck, the son of Edwin and Mabel (Hertz) Sauter. He was raised and educated in Tuttle, North Dakota, graduating from Tuttle High School in 1981. John graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1985, and earned a master's degree from UND in 1991. Always interested in politics and public service, John completed internships with Congressman Byron Dorgan and the Office of State Tax Commissioner while attending UND, and later worked at the Tax Department in a full time position. He was a part of the campaign staff for Kent

Conrad in 1986 when Conrad was first elected to the U.S. Senate. After receiving his MPA, John served as the coordinator for the ND Children's Services Coordinating Committee. John worked in a variety of fields throughout his career, including real estate and property management. At the time of his death, he was a self-employed property manager with ADRY Management.

John married Judy Tinjum on October 17, 1987, and they had two sons, Adam Bryant and Ryan Daniel. John was a proud father and cherished his time with his sons, from trips to Cub Scout camps, his and Ryan's road trip to Montana the summer of 2010, and his and Adam's mutual interest in CD and album collecting. A special experience the three of them shared and will be remembered was a hot air balloon ride over the Black Hills.



John's life journey led him to Gale Sazama, and on August 11, 2011, John and Gale were married in Bismarck, expanding his family to include two stepsons, Nathan and Jesse. Although his and Gale's life journey together had only just begun and was too short, their journey and the time they had together was filled with love, happiness, and precious memories. John and Gale enjoyed spending time together, having deep conversations about many different interests and topics.



Those who knew John will always remember his true love of music and concerts. He enjoyed finding a good deal on music by shopping at many different pawn shops and loved reading Agatha Christie books. John enjoyed spending time with his many friends and having intellectual conversations about politics and religion with the different people in his life. He enjoyed spending time with his faithful companion, his dog, Harvey. John always said Harvey found him, and not the other way around.



John volunteered with the MS Association and Beginning Experience. He was very active with Beginning Experience and liked being able to give back by helping others with the healing process. He was a member of the Optimist Club of Bismarck and the Bismarck Masonic Lodge.

John is survived by his wife, Gale Sazama-Sauter, Bismarck; his sons, Adam and Ryan Sauter, Bismarck; his father and stepmother, Edwin and Ella Sauter, Bismarck; two stepsons, Nathan (Minneapolis) and Jesse (Bismarck) Sazama-Damlo; his step-sister, Bonnie Clark (Kim) Halvorson, Lincoln; his aunt Mae McFerren, Mesa AZ; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his mother, his grandparents, and his mother-in-law.

