



## Randall Frey

October 9, 1953 - January 20, 2012

Randy J. Frey, age 58, of Dixon, died Friday January 20, 2012, in his home after a long battle with cancer with his family by his side. He was born October 9, 1953 in Dixon, the son of Jean L. "Bud" and Mary H. (Muntean) Frey. He graduated from Dixon High School in 1971. He then worked at Kraft and Turnroth Sign Co. prior to his job working maintenance for the Dixon Park District at Lowell Park. He enjoyed working outside and being with nature and animals. He loved music, especially the Beatles, and sitting around bonfires with family and friends. He was a very talented sign painter, woodworker, and guitar player. A lot of good times by all were spent at the cabin in the woods. He is survived by his two sons Seth (Jamie) Frey and Chance Frey; his mother Mary H. Frey; 2 sisters Mary Lynn (Jim) Davison, and Laura (Jim) Schrock; 1 brother Ron (Peg) Frey; his special love Christine Lynch and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 sons Jesse and Lee Allen in infancy; his father; 2 brothers John and David Frey. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 10:30 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. John Gow, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, from 9:30 until 10:30 AM in the church. A memorial has been established.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Randall Frey*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Randall Frey*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Lowell Park is a nicer place today because Randy put a lot of love into his many years of working there. Every tree and flower received tender care from him; every shelter and bench bore the marks of his concern for neatness in the park. His artwork graces the Nature Center and his talent for sign design is evident. Lowell Park will miss you, Randy, as will every one of us at the Park District. Godspeed.*

**Deb Carey** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Randy Frey was a nice man and a great friend. He inspired me at a young age to do the things I do today. When he painted my name on my bike helmet. He made it look so easy. From there he showed me the basics, from how to hold the brush to oiling the brushes. I wonder how many newspapers we went through practicing, block letters. Along with it came not only lessons in sign painting, but lessons about life also. Thanks Randy for the lessons and the memories. My condolences to all.*

**John Morley III** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ It's been great to see Randy's ability to live the simple life. His desire to be close to nature without all of the worries, cares, concerns that consume so many of us was admirable. We appreciated his artistic talents - it is Randy's simple creativity that has allowed Stacy's home business to thrive as people see his handy signage. It is Randy that we think of when we sit at our kitchen breakfast nook - knowing that he spent many of his personal hours working hard on an item that will allow our family to sit together at meals. Randy's smiles to our children will be remembered for years. The fact that he took time to greet each one of them whenever he saw them with that smile beaming from behind his beard brought us warmth. Thanks to Randy for being a dedicated hard-worker, a kind man, and "a good guy" (as our kids say).

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**D and Stacy Long, Jessa, Nathan, Laci** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I went to St.Mary's school,as well as Dixon High with Randy. He always had a kind word and smile for everyone. Many thoughts and prayers to his entire family.

**REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND!!**

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**Sharon Hatch Walters** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I greatly enjoyed the couple of years I knew Randy. I loved having lunch with him and the other guys, we would all have a great time making jokes, sharing funny stories, etc. Randy always amazed me with his talent in so many diverse areas and the hard work he put in to any project that was given to him. Even one time I brought my guitar to work and he asked to see it and began to play it, very well I might add. He was a joy to be around and he will be greatly missed. I'm just grateful to have known such a man. My prayers are with you all.

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**Christi Rhea** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Sympathy to all the Frey family on the loss of their son/brother. Randy had an outlook on life that was deep and sober, but still maintained a sense of humor.

*He will be missed as we travel to Dixon and pass the house on River Street, but he will not be forgotten.*

*He and the family are in our prayers.*

*Wes and Mary Theresa Scheffer*

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**Wes/Mary Theresa** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ In the late 90's my mother, Vera "Jura", worked as a volunteer at Lowell Park. She simply adored Randy and spent a lot of time with him. Unbeknownst to us at the time she was in the beginning of dementia. We know that the time she spent with Randy was among the fondest of her last memories.

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**Jura Hill** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you all. Sorry I will be out of town for the funeral.*

*Love,  
Carol*

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**Carol Fisher** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *You guys have my deepest sympathy in your loss. He was such a nice guy he will really be missed. Will keep you in my prayers. A big hug to you all.*

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**Linda Sheridan Thompson** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *We always enjoyed Randy. My brother George spent alot of time with all those guys and thought the world of him. God Bless you all*

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**Glenn & Opal Wallin** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *I always loved Randy's mustache. What a beauty.  
Rest in peace my Dear Randy...*

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**Mary Durr** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PG

“Randy was my first real love back in the early 1970s. I saw his photo in a Dixon year book and wished I would meet him. I got my wish as we both were at a stop sign at the same time and he smiled at me. We me for the first time on a date at Lowell Park. Every time I hear a Beattle song I think of him. I was just thinking of him a few week ago. I did not know he was ill and ironically I was looking online when I saw his obituary. I saw his sister Laura a few years ago when my brother passed away and have often thought of the Frey family. I was with Randy when he lost both brothers and we would drive around and listen to the Beatles in his old car, an antique of sorts as he would grieve for his brothers. Though our relationship did not continue long term I am happy to hear he had children and found love. He was a kind man.

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**Pamela Garland** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *The first lesson I learned from Randy is that you NEVER snuck up on him and tried to scare him; if you unknowingly did, your feet should already be moving... quickly!*

*One always cherished the time they had to spend with Randy and looked forward to seeing him. He was one of those rare people you meet and could not stop yourself, from being drawn in by his warmth, his honesty, his sense of honor and sincere friendship.*

*People who knew him well and had spent a lifetime building memories with him and those that had very little in common with Randy other than his acquaintance, would always stop for a friendly chat and a beverage.*

*Randy loved his Mother, he loved Christine, he loved his sons, and he loved his family. He was truly fortunately and richly blessed to have such a warm, close and loving family. These qualities are sorely missing from today's lifestyles but something he held in abundance and cherished deeply.*

*Randy endured much this last year and a half. Randy's last few weeks he hurt because he was alive. Today because of his passing we all hurt. We hurt because we are alive. Because Randy was so very much alive he was unwilling to pass from this life, much as tired-out children are to say good night and go to bed.*

*The last thing I learned from Randy is that, the death of someone we know always reminds us that we are still alive - perhaps for some purpose which we ought to re-examine.*

*It has been said that death is a delightful hiding place for weary men. There is no doubt that Randy is no longer weary, and no doubt that his warmth and genuine charm will always remain a part of him.*

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**Steve & LaDonna Cecchetti** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Every now and again, if you are very fortunate, you meet someone who enriches your life, your life is just that much better for just having known them, Randy was one of those people for me. He was one of the most honest people I have ever known, completely comfortable in his own skin, never making excuses for his choices in life. If you liked him he he was always grateful for your friendship but if you didn't like him, he was always gracious and kind to you anyway, there was no malice in his heart.

*He had the courage to choose a different path than most of us, simple and uncluttered. I always admired him for that. Many of us long for that life, Randy had the courage to live it.*

*He will be sorely missed by many. Those who grew to know him from our years of walking at Lowell Park appreciated his devotion to the park and his generosity to the walkers. He worked tirelessly to make the park a special place for all. He extended not only his knowledge of the woods and animals but his personal kindness and friendship. He was a steward of nature and also people.*

*Since his absence from the park there is not a time when I enter those old stone gates that I don't think of him. He'll never be forgotten by those who not only love the park but loved and admired him.*

*I was honored to know Randy and call him my friend. I don't believe in my lifetime I'll ever meet such gifted, caring and unique person like him again. He took the road less traveled and he made all the difference to many. I know he rests in God's Grace, his heart was too kind and gentle not to have such a reward.*

*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference." Robert Frost*

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**Alana Tumbleson** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“Randy was one of the nicest guys you could ever know and a very talented artist. He will be missed.

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**Ann Williams** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM