



Dean Alton Bode

January 2, 2022

Dean Alton Bode passed away peacefully on January 2, 2022. Dean was born February 28, 1963 in Bellingham, Washington, and lived his entire life in the Custer area. He was most known for his quick-witted sense of humor and he always loved to make everyone laugh.

Dean was very proud of the education he received and more importantly the friends he made at Custer Elementary through the 8th grade. He has shared many fond memories (and maybe a few delinquent acts) of those days with his family through the years. Back in the day, Dean enjoyed playing darts and won many awards after playing at state multiple times. He also enjoyed singing and riding the trails on his property in rails, cars, trucks, four wheelers, and even being dragged around in a trailer sitting in a recliner.

He spent nearly 30 years of his life employed at Nooksack Valley Building Center, where he met many wonderful people who he became close friends with. Many customers knew of his sense of humor and wouldn't leave without first demanding a joke. Dean finished his career out with a couple of years at Hardware Sales, where he once again was known for making customers and co-workers laugh.

Dean was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need, whether friend or stranger. He always had jumper cables, a full air compressor, and a can full of

gas in his trunk ready for himself or anyone else when a situation arose.

Dean will be missed by his mother, Alta Bode, his brothers, Terry Bode (Helen) and Lane Bode, sisters, Janet Nolan, Pauli Dixon (Stephen), Beth Pheifer (Ronald), and Kay Bode, along with many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends. Dean is preceded in death by his father, Leonard Bode, and his brother-in-law, Jerry Nolan.

A memorial service will be planned for this spring. If you would like to be notified, please send an email to DeanBodeMemorial@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

WS

“ *Dean and Family...Dean always seemed to slide by the teacher's glance, during those years at Custer...
I have fond memories of Dean!
Just read about this today...
Sad!
Peace to you...
Warren S.....*

Warren S - April 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *Dear Bode Families. I met Dean 25 yrs ago while I was a barista at GoGo Espresso in Lynden. I so enjoyed seeing him come flying in for coffee on his way to work at Nooksack Valley Building Center. We always enjoyed a laugh or 2. He shared with me, his recent life changing event at one point. Despite this, he still carried on with grace and laughter. I never forgot Dean thru the years. Some people make a huge impression on you, and Dean was one of those. Rest in peace Dean, thank you for the wonderful memories I cherish.*

Deb Sytsma Vanderhage - January 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Dean you were my first ❤️. I have often thought of you. So sad to hear. Rest in peace my long lost love.
To your family I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Lanette Duchesneau - January 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Ah, Dean. What a sad loss of such a goofy guy! Dean is who gave me my nickname, “Bowser” in 8th grade at Custer Elementary. In high school, he used to drive really fast past my house on Creasy Road, and honk. It took me 3 years to even figure out it was him! I send my condolences to the Bode family. He was a good egg.

Julie (Griffin) Conzelmann - January 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM