Maro Samuel Lindsley was born May 29, 1953 in Sidney, Montana, the son of Earl M. and Helen (Aasen) Lindsley. Maro was special, born with Down Syndrome.

Maro attended school at Cartwright briefly then was at the State School in Grafton from 1961-1971. He lived in Williston with his parents from December 1971 until 1999 when his mother entered Bethel Lutheran Home. He was an integral part of UMARC from 1971 until his death. He lived with his guardian angel and friend Vivian Kalmik at UMARC until November 2011.

Maro enjoyed family, friends, music, sports, travel, riding horses, petting all animals, the theatre, comic books and super heroes, sketching and art, the first snow and Mountain Dew. His travels took him from the mountains of Yellowstone to the monuments of Washington DC and from the museums of Canada to the Grand Ole Opry of Nashville where he made a CD. He won many medals and trophies in the Special Olympics at the state, national and international levels and at the Prairie Rose Games for cross country skiing, basketball, track and field, weightlifting, swimming, golf, and bowling. He always did his best to win.

Maro was baptized at Bethel Lutheran in Cartwright and later the same pastor, A.E. Setness, confirmed him at Grafton. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and attended New Hope Wesleyan Church in the latter years. Maro professed "I have Jesus in my heart". His faith was unshakeable and his friendship unconditional. Summers always included Camp ReCreation and Upper Missouri Bible Camp.

A lifelong learner, Maro spent hours in the library and at his desk. He'd "write a book" which was copying the Bible, sports magazines, comics and music.

Maro was proud to work: "I got a job" and worked at the Williston High School and No Sail Splash Guard in Fincastle, IN. He bought a guitar with his first check from his Indiana job.

Maro, as a part of UMARC, volunteered for many organizations in the community, especially Williston Parks & Recreation Department and the Visitor and Convention Bureau. He was a member of the James Memorial, Relay for Life, Community Concert, United Way, Entertainment Inc, Community Builders and the Chokecherry Festival.

Maro is survived by his sisters: Frances (Kelly) Olson of Watford City, ND and Ina (Jim) Patterson, Veedersburg (Loogootee), IN; Aunt and Uncles: Leonard and Evelyn Lindsley and Morris Aasen. Nieces and Nephews: David (Amanda) Olson and daughter Kira; Barbara (Darin) Curren; JoLynn (Don) Wood and son Wyatt; Janice (Joe) Henning and sons Dustin, David, and Daniel (Stephanie) and their children Ethan and Lilly; and his UMARC family: Tim Melland, Bob Erickson, Vivian Kalmik. Special friends: Jason and Samantha Canerdy and girls, Kat and Emy; Brenden and Allayna Stevens; Verna and Richard Nicks.

Preceding him in death were his father in November 1986 and mother in August 2005.

# In Loving Memory Maro Lindsley



*May 29, 1953 ~ November 9, 2012* 

There comes a time for all of us when we must say good-bye, But faith and hope and love and trust can never, never die. Although the curtain falls at last is that a cause to grieve? The future's fairer than the past if only we believe And trust in God's eternal care~ So when the Master calls let's say that life is still more fair although the curtain falls.

# In Memory Of Maro Samuel Lindsley

# Date And Place Of Birth

May 29, 1953 Sidney, Montana

# Date And Place Of Death

November 9, 2012 Williston, North Dakota

#### Funeral Service

2:00 PM, Friday, November 16, 2012 Fulkerson Funeral Chapel Williston, North Dakota

Clergy

Eulogist

Pastor Steve Anderson

John Melland

#### Musicians

David Olson

Barbara Curren

Allayna Stevens

#### **Casketbearers**

Bob Erickson, Tim Melland, Darin Curren, David Olson, Roy Neer, Rod Neer, Brenden Stevens, Jason Canardy

# Honorary Casketbearers

All of Maro's UMARC Family & Friends

#### Interment

Alexander Cemetery

You may share your remembrances and condolences with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website www.fulkersons.com