



# Daron Lynn Scherr

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**D**aron Lynn Scherr, M.D., 46 was born on May 10, 1969 in Valley City, ND to Pius and Delphine (Klose) Scherr. He was killed in a motorcycle accident near his home in Ft. Myers, FL on August 7, 2015. Daron was baptized and confirmed at St. Catherine's Church in Valley City. He graduated from Valley City High School in 1987. Daron obtained his B.S. in BioTechnology from NDSU in 1991. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham Medical School with his M.D. in 1995. While attending medical school, he met and married Susan Waller on July 24, 1993. Daron and Susan made their home in Falmouth, Maine where Daron completed his residency and Internship in Internal Medicine at nearby Maine Medical Hospital in Portland. They moved to Idaho Falls, ID where Daron became board certified in Internal Medicine and began his practice of medicine. He later became board certified in Sleep Medicine from Stanford's School of Sleep Medicine in Palo Alto, California and Southwest Cleveland Sleep Center, Cleveland, Ohio. Daron ran the Sleep Institute in Idaho Falls and the Health and Wellness Center in Pocatello. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Sleep Medicine, the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. Daron was beloved by both his patients and staff. He was a talented physician and natural teacher who truly believed in educating patients so that they could be their own best advocate. To adequately put Daron's life into words would be next to impossible. He had a "larger than life" personality and his energy and presence would fill any room he entered. Daron loved adventure; nothing was ever too high, too fast, or too deep for him to pursue. He was a private pilot, sailor, spelunker, scuba diver, skydiver, climber, snow skier, snowboarder, camper, avid cyclist, and runner. Daron had a passion for living and lived his life to the fullest every moment of every day. He fiercely loved his family, nuclear and extended. He gave of himself to anyone who needed his help or guidance. His sense of humor was



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exceptional and his smile and laughter contagious. Daron did everything with gusto: he gave amazing bear hugs, whisker rubs, and was known for his playfulness, youthfulness, and fun-loving spirit. He couldn't toss his sons, nieces or nephews high enough or be out played. Daron celebrated life with ferocity, fearlessness, and most of all, with loving generosity. Daron was inquisitive yet matter of fact. He did not sugarcoat his opinions but had a direct and purposeful manner of communicating and explaining things to others. Daron was full of intense, boundless energy. He was talkative and yet was a good listener and was accepting of others. He would spend countless hours exploring the world with his wife and sons. He wanted to share in their interests, hopes, and dreams. He reveled in their successes and accomplishments as well as accompanied them in their losses and disappointments. Daron was fully engaged in life's journey. Daron's loving spirit lives on in his wife, Susan, his sons Jacob, 16, and Berringer, 14; his parents, Pius and Delphine Scherr of Valley City, ND; his brothers Neil and his wife Ann of Nelson, MN and Lonney and his wife Jodie of Valley City, ND; his nieces and nephews: Garret Scherr, Valley City, ND, Hunter, Allison, and Lauren Scherr, Nelson, MN, Beau (Jess) Noeske, Las Vegas, NV, Mattie Cruff, Michaela, Grace, and Gabriel ("Buddy") Scherr, Valley City, ND, and Brianna Waller, Birmingham, AL; and Susan's parents, Richard and Jan Waller, Huntsville, AL and Sue O'Conner of Idaho Falls, Idaho. A Funeral Mass celebrating Daron's life will be held Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Valley City, ND with Monsignor Dennis Skonseng as celebrant. Arrangements are being handled by Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Fort Myers, FL and Lerud-Schuldt Funeral Home, Valley City, ND. Memorials may be sent to the charitable organization Big Brothers and Big Sisters, 545 Shoup Avenue, Ste. 341, Idaho Falls, ID 83402. As per Daron's expressed wishes, celebrations of his life will take place in Idaho, Alabama and Florida in the coming months.



## Tribute Wall

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SJ

**Sparrow Jones** posted:

I only learned of Dr. Scherr's death today but I deeply mourn his passing. He was my doctor and I have never had such a kind, attentive, informed doctor as he was. He diagnosed me with a rare circadian disorder after a decade of struggling to get other doctors to listen to me and give me the referral I needed. He was smart, funny, and compassionate and my heart goes out to his family, friends, and colleagues. God broke the mold when He made Dr. Scherr.

May 6 at 7:53 AM

CB

**Cathy Bostwick** posted:

Dr. Scherr was my sleep Dr. He took extra time with me He told me I was a special case which was why he took me on. When I visited him for appointments I could always be sure we would laugh, get helpful advise, hear fascinating stories about his practice and learn about him and his life , He had such a passion for living and learning that it was infectious. He said what he meant and I loved that in him I was simply a patient but being so proud of his family he showed us pics and told us all about them and how wonderful they were to him. We send our sympathy to the family he loved so much and Thankyou for sharing him with all of us patients for I am sure we all benefitted greatly by having him for our Dr. We send our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones Michael and Cathy Bostwick

November 11 at 12:46 PM

EW

**Esther Van Wart** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Daron Lynn Scherr

October 5 at 9:46 AM

RW

**Rob & Monica Wright** posted:

Whoops figured out I wrote Boys and Girls Club instead of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, 545 Shoup Avenue, Ste. 341, Idaho Falls, ID 83402. Donating today I love both of these organizations. They helped me during some rough times as a child.

August 24 at 5:25 AM



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RW

**Rob And Monica Wright** posted:

It will be our honor to send a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers. The Boys and Girls club how appropriate! A loving husband and fully engaged father to two exceptional boys. Jacob and Berringer it was an honor to know your father and we look forward to seeing you grow and flourish. You have such a great foundation built by both your loving parents. We care deeply for you and your AWESOME strong mother. We send our love and deepest condolences to family and friends. Rob & Monica Wright

August 17 at 2:15 PM

VO

**Virginia Obenchain** posted:

I am so sad to hear of the loss of Dr. Daron Scherr. I was a patient of his earlier in his career. He was such a vibrant person. My prayers go to his wife, sons, and his extended family. Virginia Obenchain

August 16 at 12:40 PM

CF

**Caryl Frugoli** posted:

Well, I have to laugh a bit. I was going to type that Dr. Scherr treated me so special and promised not to give up until he figured out what was wrong with me and that he did figure it out and that he took special time with me because I was special...turns out after reading all the other stories here he treated us all like we were his only concern! THAT is who is was. I cried all morning when I heard and tears flow now as I type. Daron you were meant to be here for all of us and we will have a void in our lives with you gone. Mrs. Scherr, I am the lady who threw my arms around your husband when the two of you were walking at the fair. I hugged you and told you thank you for sharing him with us and kissed him on the cheek. ?? I was so grateful you didn't just clean my clock !! I have no idea how his family and co-workers will move through this but I wish them peace. That huge smile and rosie glow of his face would light up the room, and the hugs...oh the hugs. We have truly been blessed by this man. Love, Caryl Frugoli

August 15 at 10:48 AM

SS

**Scott Southwick** posted:

Daron got me back into flying. I am going to miss you my friend.

August 14 at 6:20 PM



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CJ

**Carrie Dee Jones** posted:

Dr Scherr was a man who truly and deeply cared. I feel blessed that he was my Dr, my friend and a man that could make me laugh no matter what life threw at me. He went above and beyond the normal Dr/patient relationship. He would tease and make fun of me in way that made me smile. I will miss his hugs and smile. But most of all, I will miss his passion for life and helping other people. My heart goes out to his family, friends, his entire staff, and his patients. We are all better people for having him in our lives. God bless you Doc.

August 14 at 2:15 PM

DC

**Donna Cooper** posted:

I am so shocked to hear my Dr pass away.He was the one who encouraged me to lose weight .He was a great guy. I will truly miss him.May you rest in peace young man.

August 14 at 11:30 AM

DG

**Deborah K Gundert** posted:

I really appreciated the respect Dr. Scherr always gave to me. I trusted him completely and am truly saddened by his passing.

August 13 at 12:06 PM

JS

**John Surerus** posted:

Dr. Scherr was an outstanding Dr. and my friend. I was one of his first patients when he opened his office in Idaho Falls. His talent, positive outlook, and friendship will be missed by all of his patients and this community. May Our Heavenly Father comfort you and give you strength at this difficult time.Love,John SurerusRoberts, Idaho

August 12 at 2:46 PM

RH

**Roma Hawkins** posted:

Dr. Scherr was my physician for many. I have an autoimmune disorder that has been very hard to diagnose and treat. He was so caring and motivating. He was not afraid of trying new medicines and alternative approaches. The Idaho Falls community and myself have lost a great Doctor. I also considered him a friend and enjoyed stories about his family and adventures. Susan and boys he loved you very much. I will miss him. Susan and boys sending you love and strength.

August 12 at 11:16 AM



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ER

**Elisa Rubio** posted:

That was just who Dr. Scherr was...Last Friday we were on our way to work... ok, so we weren't going to work, but 10 of my coworkers and I piled into a 10-passenger rental-car with our manager, Kim Nicole Hart behind the wheel. ([https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10206108249082864&set=p.10206108249082864&type=1&theater\\_](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10206108249082864&set=p.10206108249082864&type=1&theater_)) Kim told Brooke to text Dr. Scherr (our office doctor and owner) to let him know that there would be charges going through on the company card for Lagoon (theme park in Utah) and that if the credit card company called, he should allow the charges."Dr. Scherr doesn't know we are going to Lagoon today?" I asked.Kim answered, "Of course not! He'll be totally fine with it. He doesn't really care what we do. He just likes to know that his 'people are being taken care of!'"That's just who Dr. Scherr was.We had a BLAST at Lagoon and a delicious dinner at Red Lobster. Such a good time, as always, thanks to an AMAZING boss. (<https://www.facebook.com/finnertybruegeman/posts/1152922971391913?pnref=story>) (<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10206110601941684&set=a.3465073383196.2142943.1161844379&type=1&theater>)We wouldn't find out until the next day that later that night, Dr. Scherr had been killed in a tragic motorcycle accident.-----If it weren't for Kim and Steve, we probably wouldn't still be in business. See Dr. Scherr wasn't a businessman. He owned a successful outpatient sleep clinic, but it was successful largely due to the management of his panel of well-trusted advisors. See if it were up to Dr. Scherr, EVERYONE would get EVERYTHING for FREE. He would have GIVEN until he GAVE himself right out of business.That's just who Dr. Scherr was.There are 3 NP's in our office. Dr. Scherr won the Regional AANP 2014 Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year Award. He always trusted our judgement completely and was there for us when we needed him. I always appreciated that. That's just who Dr. Scherr was.Dr. Scherr was a superhero. I often explained to patients that there were only 3 REAL superhero powers: short sleeper syndrome (<http://www.cnn.com/2011/HEALTH/â?/12/short.sleepers.daylight/>), speed reading ability, and a photographic memory. Anyone who had all three would be a true superhero: the world would be his oyster. That I know of, Dr. Scherr had two of the three, and I was always jealous of that. That was just who Dr. Scherr was.Dr. Scherr had a vision. Sleep medicine was his passion and purpose and he was good at it. I was pleased to learn that we will continue to do what we do in his absence and in his honor. God bless his family. The world has lost a good man and a great mentor. He will be greatly missed.

August 9 at 5:40 PM

RW

**Ralph West** posted:

Dr. Scherr will be greatly missed. He was a good friend and a wonderful doctor. He helped me find sleep again. My last visit with him involved sharing spiritual insights into happiness. He was a deep and caring individual. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.

August 12 at 8:09 AM



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FR

**Fahim Rahim** posted:

Today with a very heavy heart, I heard the news of Daron passing away this weekend. Daron was a great physician, a good friend and served his patients in SE Idaho for many years. He was full of life, laughter and lived every day. From flying planes to sailing, running, bicycling and above all spending time with his boys Jacob and Berringer. That gave him the biggest joy. We used to do our clinics together a few times a month and would always talk about our adventures and our families and keep doing more for our patients. Daron, you will be missed dearly. Thanks for sharing the love and passion of life!

August 11 at 9:40 AM

MN

**Mike Norris** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss and words cannot describe the sorrow I feel for his family, his staff, and all of us patients. I loved the attitude and atmosphere found at the Sleep Institute. He was a great Physician and will be sorely missed. -Mike Norris-

August 11 at 6:52 AM

CB

**Chaune Bush** posted:

Daron and Susan were a very huge, very positive influence in my life. A million years ago, I was a very young girl searching for attention and the meaning of life. This wonderful couple showed me such love and kindness when I needed it most. It forever changed me! They introduced me to Louis Armstrong, French vanilla creamer for my coffee, Miss Susan encouraged me to draw. She lent me art books and we talked about our favorite artists. As it turns out, I am an artist and art teacher. And now I get to influence children and encourage them the way they did for me. I got to witness the deep love they have for one another. The way they looked at one another and spoke to one another was absolutely beautiful. I am sure that I am one of the many, many people Daron and Susan brought light and love to. My prayers and love are sent to Susan and their beautiful sons. All of my love  
Chaune

August 11 at 6:34 AM



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KB

**Kimberly Bybee** posted:

Susan, my heart broke as I heard the passing of Dr. Scherr. I worked for him when you all first came to Idaho Falls. I remember him as a nice man. He always talked about you and the boys and how much he loved you guys. I remember his contagious laugh and always admired his sweet spirit and love for the patients. Im so sorry for this tragic loss. My prayers are with you and your family. May you feel god's love and may you feel peace and comfort. My deepest condolences..Sincerely, Kimberly Bybee

August 10 at 5:55 PM

LM

**Lynn And Linda Merrill** posted:

We had an appointment today at the Sleep Institute in Idaho Falls. We could tell the mood was very quiet. We went in for our workup and at the end of it, we were told they had very bad news. We lost this wonderful man to an accident in Florida. We were both shocked and extremely saddened by the news. He was a marvelous doctor and would always go beyond the scope of sleep apnea and would help us with exercises, and how great a vita mix was and running and etc. etc. etc. He always had time for anything we wanted to talk about. We will miss his wonderful personality and especially that laugh and his enjoyment of not only his practice but of the world. He was bigger than life. He was evidently needed elsewhere and we know that we will meet him again and look forward to that day. Dr. Scherr, you are loved and missed. Love and prayers to your family of which you always talked about. May those left behind be comforted. Love from the Merrill's, Lynn and Linda from Swan Valley, Idaho.

August 10 at 4:37 PM

KP

**Kris Pica** posted:

We are the Pica family. My son Carter attends DLS with Jacob and Berringer. Although we have not been formally introduced, we sat next to each other at a basketball game cheering on Berringer. I don't know the family well but I do know that they have raised wonder sons. Jacob and Berringer are kind, funny, respectful and all around just great kids! I help serve lunch to the school and love how every time they would have smiles on their faces, a kind word to others and an overall happy presence. I will continue to pray for you all. If ever if could be of help my number is in the schools directory. Peace and Love Kris Pica

August 10 at 2:52 PM



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SA

**Sally** posted:

Dearest Susan, we are so so sorry for your loss. Daron was an amazing man. Big Big hugs to you and the boys, love Sally, Jeff, Ella and Madeline

August 10 at 1:36 PM

CF

**Christina Finnerty** posted:

Dr Scherr was an amazing man full of happiness and smiles! He made the best of every situation and baffled me with his wisdom and wit. He loved everyone and made it a point to help everyone he could! I had the privilege of working with him over the last seven years as his nurse practitioner and have never had a better experience all as a result of his wisdom and support and the people he chose to create the joy and happiness in the office! He always spoke of his love for his beautiful wife and his joy and pride he had in his boys! Doc loved life to the fullest and laughed at himself always! He was a genuine person through and through and lived a legacy in his 46 years on earth!

August 10 at 1:11 PM

KH

**Kim Hart** posted:

Daren was my boss, my friend, my mentor and just all around great guy who lived life to the fullest!! He was never dull or boring that is for sure. He will be forever missed and loved. We are all trying to figure out how to move on. We love susan and the boys and they will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Love you boss

August 10 at 12:55 PM

JT

**Jeff Townsend** posted:

I had the opportunity to meet Daron and Susan when they were new to Idaho Falls. I have many memories of Daron. We spent many evenings talking and he would share stories with me. He talked about how he and Susan met in college when they were resident advisors. He was attracted to Susan immediately and said he loved her spontaneity and free spirit. I would hear him talk to his boys when he would be here in Idaho Falls, he always said how much he loved them. I will miss Daron.

August 10 at 11:18 AM



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RD

**Richard And Julie Drollinger** posted:

Julie and I express our most sincere condolences to you and your family along with our deepest sympathy. May God bless you and your family with His Spirit to comfort you at this challenging time in your life. Please know that through the Atonement of Jesus Christ and His subsequent resurrection from the dead, you will be reunited with your beloved Daron in the eternities to come.

August 10 at 8:47 AM

RD

**Richard And Julie Drollinger** posted:

Julie and I were shocked at the sudden death of Dr. Scherr. He has been my sleep doctor for almost a decade. He seemed to have a genuine concern for each of his patients. We express our most sincere condolences and deepest heartfelt sympathy in your loss of your husband. father, son, brother, etc. May God's choicest blessings of comfort attend you at this time. Please know that through the Atonement of Christ and His subsequent resurrection, you will be reunited with Daron once again in the eternities.

August 10 at 8:42 AM

SM

**Sandi Mielke** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to the Scherr Family! May god comfort you all.

August 10 at 8:24 AM

SS

**Sherrie Snyder** posted:

Susan our hearts are very sad to hear or the loss of Daron. We love you and wish you peace and comfort in this difficult time. Rick and Sherrie Snyder (Ryan) Kaitlin and Natalie Ryan.

August 10 at 8:03 AM

SI

**Shawn Iverson** posted:

My thoughts and prayers to the Scherr family. He was a great classmate from kindergarten to graduation.

August 10 at 6:42 AM



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EN

**Elaine Nappi** posted:

We are sending our deepest condolences to you and your family. We want you to know you are in our thoughts, and prayers for peace in your hearts. Blessings, the Nappi family from DeLaSalle Academy.

August 10 at 6:11 AM

LD

**Lori Davies** posted:

Dearest Susan, Dr Scherr was a very generous, happy, kind, compassionate doctor. He was so good to spend so much time with each patient! I learned so much from him and enjoyed hearing him laugh. I believe the practice was truly blessed because his belief of taking care of the patient came before making money. He was the only one that could get me into that small airplane! He was a good man. You and the boys are in my prayers! Lori Davies

August 9 at 7:40 PM

MP

**Matt Pederson** posted:

I have known Daron since we were little kids in kindergarten all the way thru graduating High School together. Around 9th grade we found a common interest in bodybuilding and became really close. We spent a lot of time together in the weight room and also together at his parents house. I remember one evening we were in his mom's Cadillac I believe and a bad storm was coming and we drove so fast to stay ahead of it on the Kathryn road and we made it home and put the car in the garage and man did it hail. The windows on the house were breaking out as we looked out at the storm. Not only was Daron a strong man like his brother Neil. He was a very kind man. I wish I had pictures of all the fun times we had but camera's were not that popular back in the day. Daron was always really intelligent and by no way could I keep up with his thinking and even as a kid I knew he would become something great. When he told me he became a Doctor I was happy for him but not shocked that it happened. The recent pictures I am seeing of him just takes me back in time how great of a smile he had, how happy he was just with life itself, and I can hear his laugh when I think of him. I lost my best friend Kory right after High School and at 19 that was really tough and its been that many years since my heart has ached like that but as a grown man I know Daron is watching all of us from Heaven now and I want his wife and kids to know how wonderful of a person he was to me and many others. Goodbye and God Bless Daron. I will always hold you close to my heart. Love always, Matt

August 9 at 5:40 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Daron by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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