

If love could have saved you – you never would have died.

If tears could bring you back– you'd be by our side.

It broke our hearts to lose you– but you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you– the day God called you home.

God takes us one by one and breaks the family chain,  
But somewhere in a better place our chain will link again.



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**WEIGEL**  
Funeral and Cremation Service



IN LOVING MEMORY



JAMES  
"JIM"  
KOTTSICK

1955-2024

**James “Jim” W. Kottsick**, 69, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on August 29, 2024.

Jim was born on February 27, 1955 to Charles and Eleanor (Friedrich) Kottsick in Mandan. After graduating from Mandan High School in 1973, he went on to study Auto-body at North Dakota State School of Science, Wahpeton, ND.

After graduation, Jim worked for a few body shops until 2001, when he started working for EMC Insurance where he later retired after 20 years. In 1975, Jim married Patty Bowers, and had four children, Lee, Kasey, Kristie and Kayla.

Jim was very devoted to his family and provided everything he could for them. He spent lots of time following his daughters and grandsons to their sporting events. He loved teaching them how to fix things and shoot shotguns.

Jim could often be found in his yard or garage tinkering with stuff. He didn't finish his projects to often as he was always willing to stop and help anyone that needed his expertise. Jim was very “handy” and was able to figure out a way to fix anything. He loved spending time on his childhood farm and was proud of the garden and fruit trees that he planted with family.

Jim was an avid softball and volleyball player, winning many championships. He loved to fish and spent many evenings on the river during the summer. He enjoyed taking his family and friends out bird hunting at the farm or playing a game of pinochle.

Anyone who knew Jim knew that he was the most loving father, grandpa, brother and uncle a family could ask for.

Jim will be deeply missed by his daughters, Kasey Piccalo and Kayla (Scott) Meckle; grandsons, Tony Piccalo Jr, Calby (Jade Hoff) and Trevin Geiger; step-grandsons, Tyler and Jordan Meckle; brothers, Chuck (MJ) Kottsick and Dave (Kathy) Kottsick; sisters, Marlene (Jack) Pulkrabek, Josie (Henry) Kalvoda and Kathy (Steve) Brown; many nieces and nephews; and several close friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Eleanor Kottsick; infant son, Lee Kottsick; infant daughter, Kristie Kottsick; brother, Gene (Edna) Kottsick; sister in-law, Marilyn Kottsick; and Darhl (Charlene) Bowers.



### **Parish Rosary and Vigil**

Tuesday | September 3, 2024 | 7:00 PM  
Weigel Funeral Home | Mandan, ND

**Presider**

Deacon Dennis Rohr

**Memorial Service**

Wednesday | September 4, 2024 | 10:30 AM  
Christ the King Catholic Church

**Celebrant**

Deacon Dennis Rohr

**Musicians**

Alice Gerhardt & Wendy Steidler

Processional

“Amazing Grace”

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### **Order of Service**

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-5

Reader

Julie Steidler

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

***“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”***

New Testament Reading

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

Reader

Elinor Meckle

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Meditation

“Be Not Afraid”

Final Commendation

“Song Of Farewell”

Recessional

“On Eagle’s Wings”

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Darcy Wandy | Parker Wandy | Dave Bjorndahl | Stryker Bjorndahl  
Aric Bandle | Scott Kalvoda | Bud Kottsick

**Graveside Service**

**St. Johns Cemetery  
Mandan, ND**

Following the burial, the family invites you for food and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club, 1400 Collins Ave.