

**James David “JD” Link** was born January 3, 1980, to David and Sandra (Foertsch) Link in Breckenridge, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Anthony’s Church in Mooreton, ND. He grew up on the family farm near Mooreton. In 1997, he was among 3 other students selected to visit Russia as part of an FFA student exchange program. JD graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1999, where he was involved in FFA.

JD was a devoted family man who was committed to helping those in the community in any way he could. You would often find him spending time with his boys or with friends and family. JD loved life and lived it to its fullest. His hobbies were snowmobiling and time at the lake. He served as President for the Southern Valley Trail Riders Association and he also served on the Board at the Bagg Farm where he volunteered many hours.

On February 15, 2014, JD was united in marriage to Whitney Medenwald at St. John’s Catholic Church in Wahpeton, ND. The couple lived in Wahpeton with their 3 boys, later making their permanent home on a farm near Mooreton, ND.

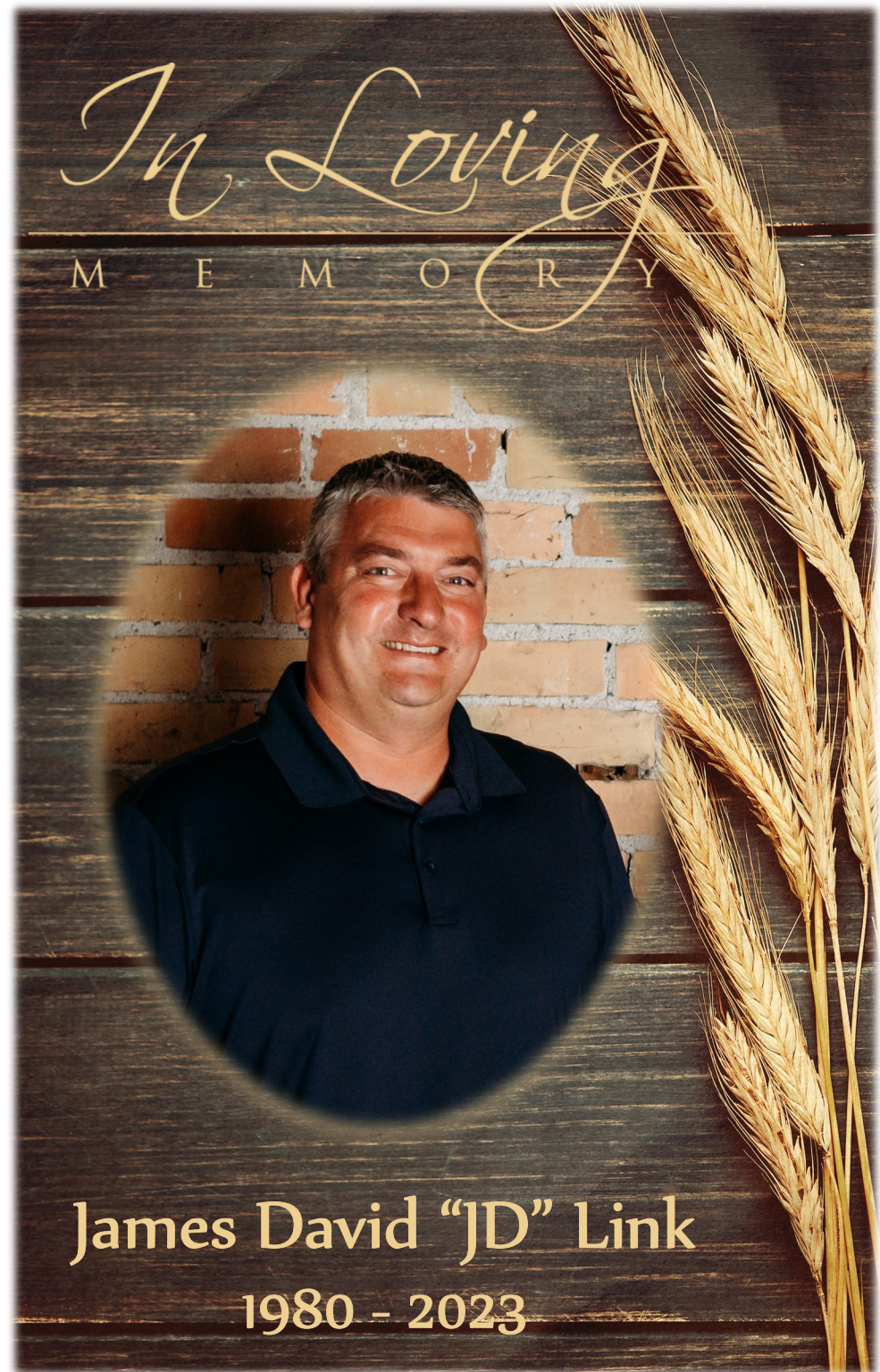
JD’s main passion outside of his family was farming. JD and Whitney loved spending time with the boys on their farm, gathering with friends to cook and socialize, weekends at the lake, and tending to their individually named chickens. They were both active in the community, always supporting those in need.

JD is survived by his wife, Whitney, and their 3 sons, Treyton, Oden, and Oliver, Mooreton; his parents, David and Sandy Link, Mooreton; sister, Trisha (Brian) Nordick and their children, Landen, London, and Liam, Wahpeton, ND; sister, Chelsey (Joe) Kubela and their children, Macie, Taelor, and Jaxton, Wahpeton; father-in-law, Jeffrey Medenwald, Hankinson, ND; mother-in-law, Shannon Medenwald, Hankinson; sister-in-law, Taylor (David) Deurmier and their children, Hudson and Jocie, Artas, SD; and his maternal grandmother, Doris Riemann, Hankinson.

JD was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Norma Jean Link; grandfathers, Joseph Foertsch and William Riemann; uncle, Jerome Link; and cousin, Randy Link.



JD will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving son, and dedicated father. All who met him considered him a friend, a strong pillar of the community, and an example of the person we should all strive to be.



## WHEN I LOST YOU

I Wish I could see you one more time,  
Come walking through the door...  
But I know that is impossible,  
I will hear your voice no more.

I know you can feel my tears  
And you don't want me to cry,  
Yet my heart is broken because  
I can't understand why someone  
So precious had to die.

I pray that God will give me strength  
And somehow get me through...  
As I struggle with the heartache  
That came When I Lost You.



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Funeral Directors: Dustin Turner | Whitney Demarais | Shanna Grumbles [www.vertinmunson.com](http://www.vertinmunson.com)

## In Loving Memory

# James David "JD" Link



### Born

January 3, 1980 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

### Passed Away

March 2, 2023 | Grand Rapids, Minnesota

### Age

43 Years | 1 Month | 30 Days

### Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 AM | Friday, March 10, 2023

St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

### Officiant

Fr. Dale Lagodinski

### Organist

Pat Keaveny

### Cantor

Edd Goerger

### Music

"Prayers of St. Francis" | "You Raise Me Up" | "Scars In Heaven"  
"The Lord's Prayer" | "You Are My Sunshine"

### Honorary Pallbearers

Southern Valley Trail Riders Association  
and all who called "JD" friend

### Pallbearers

Treyton Link | Danny Link | Brian Nordick  
Landen Nordick | David Deurmier | Joe Kubela

### Interment at a Later Date

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota