

Remembering the precious life of...

Brad Norman Janzen, 50, of Webster ND passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at CHI St Alexius Health, Devils Lake. Brad was born on August 23, 1973, to Joanie (Mootz) and Norman Janzen. He grew up in Devils Lake, attending Devils Lake Public Schools. He graduated from Devils Lake Central High in 1992. Brad proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1993-1997, where he met many lifelong friends. He served 2 consecutive tours of duty in Iraq during Desert Storm.

On October 24th, 1998, Brad married the love of his life Shawna Michel Hammond. They welcomed their beloved son Austin December of that year and then relocated their family to Webster ND. Brad was a devoted husband to Shawna. Austin was his pride and joy. Brad was their rock.

Brad worked for Target Roofing for several years until he decided to start his own business doing residential restoration. His business was appropriately named Residential Restoration. When owning his own business became too stressful, he made the decision to make a career change and started to work for the City of Devils Lake. Most recently, he and Austin were able to spend a lot of quality time together as they worked side by side doing maintenance for Impact MHC.

Brad valued hard work and staying busy, but when he had the time to slow down and enjoy life, he made the most of it. Brad was a simple man with many talents. He loved his family and friends with all his heart. He was the life of the party, and you just never knew what he would come up with next. He would stop everything he was doing to visit with you, welcoming each person with an energy that only Brad had. His nieces and nephews meant the world to him. He held a special place in his heart for each of them.

Brad was known to help anyone that needed it. Many would say that he would “give the shirt off his back for anyone”. Brad’s final wish was for his legacy to live on through organ and tissue donation. Through that generous and selfless decision, many people will be forever impacted by their improved quality of life.

Brad is preceded in death by his unborn child and his parents, Norman and Joanie (Mootz) Janzen, as well as grandparents, many aunts and uncles, and lifelong friends.

Brad will be deeply missed by his wife of almost 25 years, Shawna Michel (Hammond) and his son Austin, both of Webster. His loss will also be mourned by his brother Ryan (Andrea) of Dickinson, his sisters Shannon (of Devils Lake) and Shari (& Waylon of Granville), and his bonus dad and mom, Mike & Carolyn Hammond (of Devils Lake). His nieces and nephews Taylor (Abby), McKayla, Caleb, Kelly (Ben), Kevin, Emma, Riley, Cheyanne, and Morgan will miss his antics, his patience, and his teachings. He is also survived by Dylan (Beth) Honeyman, of West Fargo, and many aunts, uncles, and friends.



*Beloved Husband, Dad, Brother, Uncle,
Nephew, Cousin and Dearest Friend*

Brad Norman Janzen

HIS BIRTH

August 23, 1973

Devils Lake, North Dakota

HIS DEATH

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Devils Lake, North Dakota

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Friday, September 1, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Saturday, September 2, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Reverend JoHanna Buchholz

SPECIAL MUSIC

Recordings chosen by the family

URN BEARERS

All of Brad's Nephews and Nieces

HONORARY BEARERS

Terry Anvik ~ Wade Hanson ~ Jason Jones ~ Jerry Allery

Paul Poitra ~ Dyson Slaubaugh ~ Terran Anderson

Jason Johnson ~ Matthew Brandt

Terry and Jessica Nelson ~ Pam and Larry Spidahl

MILITARY HONORS

Accorded by the Neathery-Simensen Post #756

Devils Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars

North Dakota Military Funeral Honors Team-Air Force

**Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living without you is the
hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was so kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special years will not return
When we are all together
But with the love in our hearts
You walk with us forever.**