

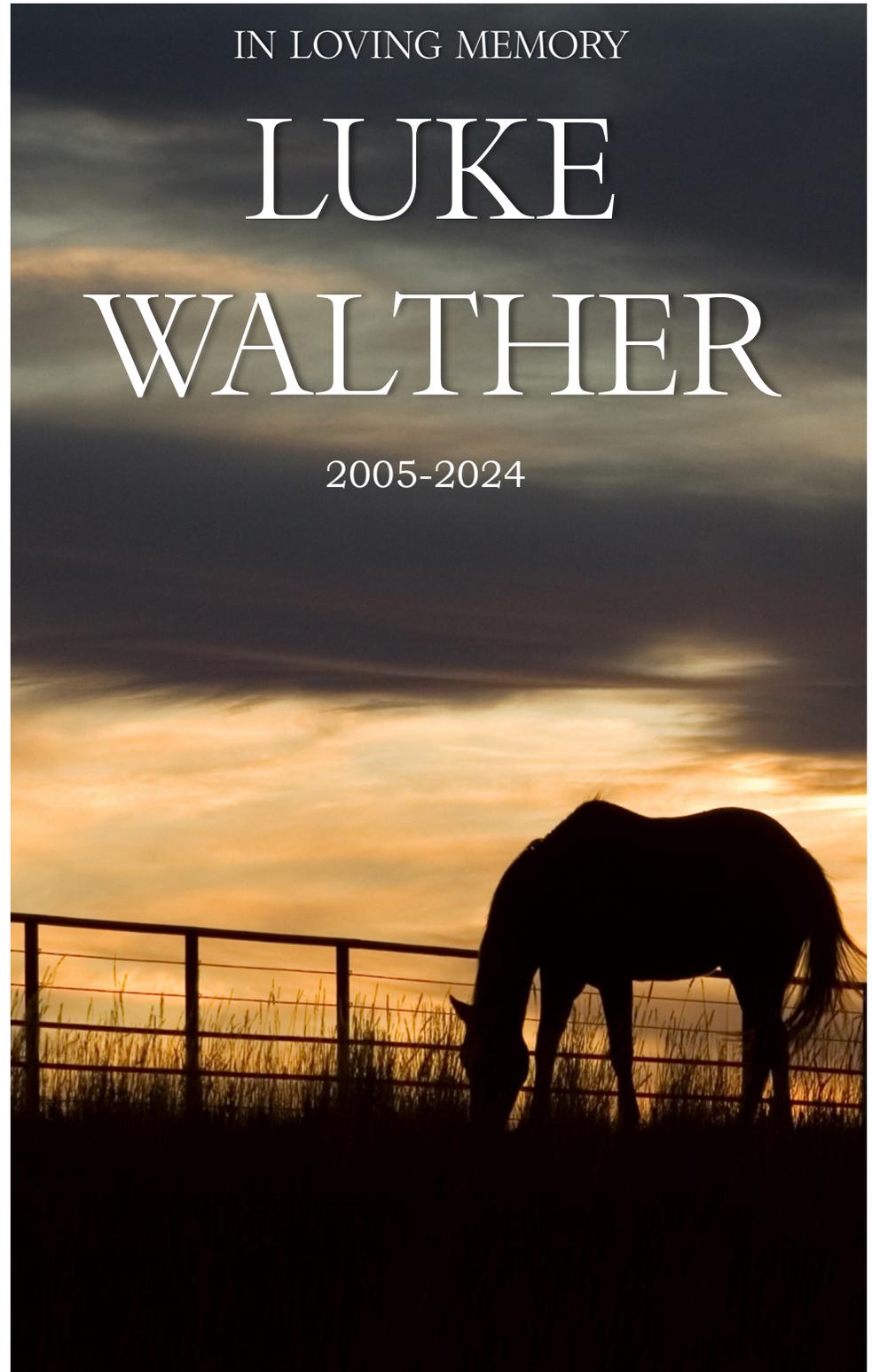
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IN LOVING MEMORY

LUKE WALTHER

2005-2024





Luke was the firstborn child of Jesse and Tanya (Bullinger) Walther. He was the happiest and cutest blue-eyed, blonde-haired boy. In April 2007, he became a big brother to Tyler. Tyler looked up to his big brother and wanted to do everything that Luke was doing.

At a young age, Luke became his family's forever cowboy. He lived in cowboy boots, Wrangler jeans, and a cowboy or trucker hat. When they were younger, Luke and Tyler played with their farm animals pretending to be ranchers, and built many, many Lego sets together. They also played board games and video games together. Luke was always the super competitive, bossy big

brother. Luke's favorite video games were Red Dead and Farming Simulator where he did all the farming he wanted; he could play for hours due to his love for farming and ranching.

Luke was raised and educated in Mandan. He attended Lewis & Clark Elementary, Red Trail Elementary, Mandan Middle School, and graduated from Mandan High School in 2023. In middle school, Luke played percussion in band, he loved marching in the parades, and attended band camp at the International Peace Gardens for two summers. In eighth grade, he joined the Mandan Braves Football team and earned the "Raise the Bar" Excellence Award given out at the end of the season. Luke was very proud of earning this award. He played football in high school and loved being part of a team and going on road trips to the away games.

During his sophomore year of high school, Luke found his passion and life career in welding class. During his junior and senior years, he had welding for two periods a day. He often told his mom that welding class was his favorite class and the sole reason he looked forward to going to school. Mr. Stephen Kessler was Luke's favorite teacher and the family would like to thank him for nurturing Luke's passion for welding. Luke was excited to tour the new high school and see the welding rooms and check-in with Mr. Kessler. After high school, Luke attended Lynnes Welding School in Bismarck. He completed the program in December of 2023.

The day that Luke turned 16, he applied at Runnings in Mandan. He liked working here because he loved being around anything that related to agriculture. He also started working at Mandan Auto Glass the summer of his senior year and enjoyed joking around with his Great-Uncle Randy and second-cousin Justin. Towards the end of his senior year, he went to work for L & H Manufacturing in Mandan. In April of this year, he started working for a rancher where he did a little bit of everything relating to the farm life that he desired for him and his future family. Luke was the most dedicated, loyal, and hard-working young man. Each time he would tell his boss he was leaving to start a different job, they would say, "No, Luke you can't leave." Luke's final job was his "best fit" job. It was a job that he truly loved due to his passion of welding and being an everyday rancher.

Luke's mom was his go to person when he needed help with his schoolwork. Since she's a teacher, he thought she knew everything! Mom and Luke created a special bond where he could tell her anything. Mom would stay up late waiting for him to come home once he started driving, and they would have deep conversations about life and talk about his future. Once Luke moved out, she would call him just to chat and see how his week was going. Mom never wanted to say good-bye, she could've talked all night, it was the highlight of her week. She will deeply miss these conversations. Dad was Luke's fixer of all things. If it was broke, dad could always fix it. Dad and Luke spent many hours working on Luke's trucks. Dad will miss the bonding time and teaching Luke to love "Ford" vehicles as much as he does. Luke was Tyler's role model. Tyler will miss playing pool with Luke and just hanging out with him and getting picked on by his older brother.

Prayer Service

Tuesday | November 5, 2024 | 7:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home | Mandan, ND

Presider

Pastor Martha HarriSon

Funeral Service

Wednesday | November 6, 2024 | 1:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church | Bismarck, ND

Officiant

Pastor Martha HarriSon

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LUKE WALTHER

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Song

"Go Rest High on the Mountain"

Welcoming of the Congregation

Prayer of the Day

Reading of the Obituary

Luke's family members

Remembrances

Tybee Brobst & Marty Beard

Scripture Readings

Harleigh Samuels

Revelation 21:3-4

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Sermon

Song

"Lead Me Home"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Commendation

Recessional

"Cowboy Rides Away"

Urnbearers

Jesse Walther | Tanya Walther | Tyler Walther | Tybee Brobst

Honorary Bearers

Luke's Godparents, Jeremy Bullinger & Jessica Kok

Following the funeral service, the family invites you to the reception in the church basement.

