

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

GREGORY ALAN KOEPKE

WHO WAS BORN

December 31, 1964
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

April 29, 2024
Brookings, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.
Emanuel Lutheran Church
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Chris Davis

MUSICIANS

Sheila Dailie, Organist
Dani Hicks, Vocalist

URN BEARERS

Dylan Koepke | James Koepke
Gerald Koepke | Garold Koepke

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Craig & Patti Tolley | Jim & Kim Voeltz
Todd Borns & Jeanne Zeigler
Bryan & Donna Crawford
Friends & Extended Family

INURNMENT

Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Greg's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the inurnment, please join the family for lunch and fellowship at the church dining hall.



BEYOND THE CRIMSON SUNSET

*When my eyes see no more,
And my heart feels no more,
Take me along that open road,
Beyond the crimson sunset.*

*Devoid of worries and paying bills,
just tall trees and wide open hills.
Take me along that open road,
Beyond the crimson sunset.*

*Leave me to count the milestones,
let me fly free,
For that's where my soul is,
where I always longed to be.
Leave me along that open road,
Beyond the crimson sunset.*

*I may have left and my space is bare,
Look to the horizon and you'll always find me there.
There along that open road,
Beyond the crimson sunset.*

*Upon my loss don't shed a tear,
Just ride along and you'll find me near.
Cruising along that open road,
Beyond the crimson sunset.*



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online guestbook.



**Mundwiler
Funeral Home**

Use this code to
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tribute video.



Gregory “Junior” Alan Koepke was born on December 31, 1964, to Darlowe and Wanda (Hanson) Koepke in Milbank, SD. He was baptized and confirmed at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank. With four older brothers, Greg grew up on the family farm outside of Milbank. For his oldest brother’s wedding, he was pressured into cutting his hair. From then on, he kept his hair long, and was proud of his ponytail. After graduating from Milbank High School with the Class of 1983, he moved to Watertown, but most recently was living in Brookings.

As a welder most of his life, Greg worked various jobs including at Twin City Fan and Faultless Nutting. Despite struggling with chronic pain from severe injuries he received from a motorcycle accident in 1994, Greg was determined to continue working until he was no longer able.

There was nothing better than bringing home a pan of his mom’s bars, brownies, or cookies. Zucchini bread was also a favorite. Once, he brought his mom so much zucchini that they were able to bake enough bread together to fill the top shelf of his refrigerator.

Always ready for a good time, he liked to attend concerts, cheer for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, play Cribbage, and spend time with friends fishing. Junior had a heart of gold and loved to make people laugh with his quick wit and jokes. He enjoyed visiting and made friends easily. He loved to attend the Sturgis Rally and was happiest when he was riding his Harley. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory is his mother, Wanda Koepke of Milbank, SD; four brothers: Dylan Koepke of Highmore, SD; James “Jim” Koepke of Milbank, SD; Gerald “Jer” Koepke of Stockholm, SD; and Garold “Lars” Koepke of Stockholm, SD; one niece; three nephews; aunts; uncles; many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Darlowe Koepke; brother, Wayne Koepke; nephew, Tyler (Miranda) Koepke; sister-in-law, Karen Koepke; maternal grandparents: Alton and Bertha Hanson; and paternal grandparents: Roland and Evie Koepke.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



*GREGORY ALAN
KOEPEKE*