

Frankie



Peace and Loving Memories

Remembering the life of...

Frankie James Reese, 42 of Devils Lake ND passed away on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at CHI, St. Alexis Health, Devils Lake, ND.

Frankie James Reese was born on June 29, 1982, in Devils Lake, ND to Craig and Lisa (Holtz) Reese. He was the oldest child, being raised 3 miles south of Devils Lake.

Frankie grew up with his cousins, like they were brothers and sisters to him. They used to love building forts, riding bikes, fishing and Frankie would always come home with rocks in his pocket.

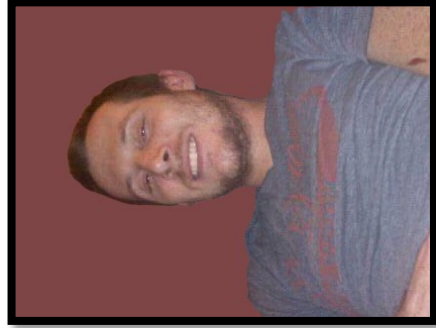
He attended school in the Devils Lake area. Before graduating, he enlisted in the United States Army in 2001. He graduated from Devils Lake High School with the class of 2003. Frankie was an Altar Server at St. Joseph Catholic Church for many years.

In August of 2005 he was called to serve his country and was involved in the Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving in Kuwait. He served as an IED Specialist for roadside bombs. He was also the gunman on top of the Humvee. He returned home in December of 2006. He was honorably discharged on February 21, 2009, with the rank of SPC. At a ceremony in Minot, North Dakota, Frankie was recognized as a hero who found the most roadside bombs in his time of overseas service.

When Frankie came back to Devils Lake, he spent his time hanging out with his Mom and sisters, along with his nieces and nephews. He loved being called “uncy”. He would also pass the time being with his friends and go fishing, play bingo and gamble. He always could put a smile on someone’s face by coming up with some smart “comments.”

His loving family include his mother Lisa Ann Kjorsvik of Devils Lake; father Craig Reese; sisters Linda Reese and Kortney Fry; step children Mason and Madison Kostecki; nieces and nephews LillyAnn McDonald, Kendra Reese, Andrew Reese, Drayvin Reese, Jonathon Schmidt Jr., Salena Schmidt, Taliana Reese, Onnah Schmidt, Tucker Fry, Everly Keith; aunts and uncles Ted Shaffer Jr., Joseph Shaffer, Terry (Lori) Holtz, Greg Christie, Carol Reese (Steve Eckes); great uncle John (Yoyo) Shaffer; cousins Sabrina Lara, James Lara, Emily Shaffer, Ted Shaffer III, Rebecca Shaffer, Christopher (Andriac) Christie Sr., Katie (Katyn) Newcomb, Jacob Christie, Jayden Andrade, Johnathon Christie, Jasper Carlson, Caleb Carlson, Brantley Strand, Jerick Christie, Christopher Christie Jr., Victoria Christie, Jessica Weese, Jennifer (Greg) Wireman, Chloe Wireman, George Wireman, Justina (Matt) Peters, Shawn Toso, Curtis (Maria) Bakken, Bodin Bakken, Joseph (Jeanine) Martin, Jessie Robinson, Mary DeCoteau, Diane Reese, Dustin Reese, DC Reese, Daniel Reese, Darrick Reese and many other cousins.

Frankie was preceded in death by his grandparents Francine and Ted Shaffer, Holz grandparents, Aunt Linda Holz and many great aunts and great uncles.



TODAY

My body no longer tired, no longer sore.

Today is the day I suffer no more.

Do not worry for me, today worrying ends.

I live through love of family
and love of friends.

So hold in your heart this memory of mine.

The rain will pass and the sun will shine.

For this life that we live will surely fade,

With problems we've faced
and plans that we've made.

And when the gates of Heaven call,

Keep in mind; love survives us all.

Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts

Frankie James Reese **Beloved Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin,** **Fellow Soldier, and Good Friend**

HIS BIRTH

Tuesday, June 29, 1982
Devils Lake, North Dakota

HIS DEATH

Sunday, September 8, 2024
Devils Lake, North Dakota

VISITATION AND SCRIPTURE SERVICE

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Officiating, Reverend Mr. Ken Severinsson, Deacon

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Thursday, September 19, 2024 ~ 2:00 p.m.

CELEBRANT

Reverend Karmaljah Balasamy

SPECIAL MUSIC

Patty Cote, Soloist and Organist
LECTOR

Lily Reese

GIFT BEARERS

Kendra McDonald, Andrew Reese,

LillyAnn McDonald

CASKET BEARERS

Andrew Reese ~ Dustin Reese ~ Daniel Reese

DC Reese ~ Darrick Reese

Jesse Kenner ~ Jamie Sailor ~ Evan Wood

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Devils Lake, North Dakota

MILITARY HONORS

Accorded by the Neathery-Simensen Post #756

Devils Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars

North Dakota Military Funeral Honors Team-Army