

ZENK

**IT'S NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL**

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR ME:  
I'VE JUST TRAVELED ON, YOU SEE,  
UP AHEAD WHERE GREENER PASTURES GROW  
AND COOL WATER STREAMS DANCE AS THEY FLOW.

FLOWERS BLOOM OF EVERY SORT AND KIND,  
COLORS MORE VIVID THAN ANY I LEFT BEHIND,  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS I HAVEN'T SEEN IN YEARS,  
HUGS AND HANDSHAKES AND NO MORE TEARS.

THEY'VE WELCOMED ME HOME HERE TODAY,  
A PLACE OF PEACE FOR ME TO STAY,  
THEY SAY IT'S MY HOME FOR ETERNITY:  
NO, IT'S NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR ME.

- ROBERT DAWSON



*In Loving Memory Of*

**DEREK J. ZENK**

*1991 – 2023*

*Fiksdal*  
Funeral Service

**D**erek Joseph Zenk was born on February 3, 1991, at Brookings, South Dakota to Fred and Cynthia (Cuppy) Zenk. He was baptized at St. John's Catholic Church in Arlington and confirmed at Christ the King Catholic Church in Webster. He attended school in Webster, graduating in 2009. He furthered his education at South Dakota State obtaining a bachelor's degree in agriculture. While at South Dakota State, Derek had many fond memories he loved to reminisce about as he served as Alpha Gamma Rho Noble Ruler, University Crops Judging Team, Meat Lab, College of Ag/Bio Ambassador, Little International Executive Committee and most all he met his beautiful bride. Upon completion of college, he returned to Webster.

On June 21, 2014, he was united in marriage to Megan Peters at St. Thomas More in Brookings. The couple made their home on the Zenk family farm raising their three beautiful children Sawyer, Sutton, and Sage with Baby Girl Zenk due in September.

Derek was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. Derek was currently employed at USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Aberdeen.

Derek had the most sincere heart. He gave the best hugs. He was devoted. He was compassionate and lovable. He loved fishing since early childhood. Fishing turned into pure enjoyment, passion, and therapy. He loved sharing this joy with others by taking friends and young nieces and nephews fishing as well as the solitude. He enjoyed listening to old country music and dancing (jitterbug being his favorite!). He loved being outdoors watching for pheasants, being a herdsman, planting trees, and playing with his kids. Above all else, he loved time spent with his family.



Derek's memory will live on forever through his wife Megan and their children Sawyer, Sutton, Sage, and Baby Girl Zenk, his parents Fred and Cindy Zenk of Webster, SD, siblings Crissa (Justin) Fruechte of Pipestone, MN, Kyli (J.D.) Deranleau of Belle Fourche, SD, and Daniel (Kaela Jo) Zenk of Britton, SD, grandmothers Judy Zenk of Webster, SD, and Darleen Cuppy of Wessington Springs, SD, mother-in-law Connie Peters of Mapleton, MN, sisters-in-law Tara (James) Salge of Buffalo, NY, Leslie (Eric) Barr of Mapleton, MN, brother-in-law Mitchell (Stacey) Peters of Nicollet, MN, as well as many nieces, nephews, and best friend Kendal Nilson. He was preceded in death by his grandfather's Donald Zenk and Howard Cuppy, father-in-law Russell Peters, and nephew Brayden Fruechte.

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# DEREK J. ZENK

## Mass Of Christian Burial

10:30 A.M. Friday, June 23, 2023  
Christ The King Catholic Church  
Webster, South Dakota

### Celebrant

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

### Music

Kathy Hardina – Organist  
St. Joseph's Church Choir of Mapleton, MN



## Active Casket Bearers

Tyler Fruechte ~ Walter Kummerfeld ~ Simon Kern  
Austin Mann ~ Ryan Bell ~ Kyle Cuppy

## Honorary Casket Bearers

Kendal Nilson ~ AGR Brothers  
South Dakota NRCS

### Interment

St. Otto's Catholic Cemetery  
Webster, South Dakota