

## Remembering the Life....

Marty Harms, a man of many talents and a heart full of kindness, passed away unexpectedly on July 6th 2024.

Marty was born on March 3, 1963 in Clear Lake, SD to George and Dorothy (Hansen) Harms. He was baptized at Walle Lutheran Church in Thompson, ND and attended Thompson High School until the end of 10th grade. Marty set off on his own, determined to succeed. Later he obtained his GED, attended Schools in Canby and Detroit Lakes for Diesel Mechanics and auto body studies.

On March 26, 1983, Marty married Peggy Lambrecht and had two children together, Jessica and Mikel. They were later divorced but continued to be in each others lives.

On September 3, 1994, Marty married Denise Playle and together with his biological children, raised "their" children Adam and Anthony. They were later divorced but again, continued to be in each others lives. To Marty, family was family, his kids were his kids, and there were no blurred lines in between.

Marty's dedication to learning mirrored his work ethic in becoming a "jack of all trades." From growing up farming with his uncles, driving semi, teaching auto-mechanics in Detroit Lakes and Fergus Falls, and later finding success as the owner and operator of Harms Towing and most recently a general contractor. Known as "The Guy," if he didn't know how to do it or fix it, he knew someone who did.

Marty was more than just a career man. He was a beloved member of the community who found joy connecting people through faith and church at Messiah Lutheran in Underwood. Known for his larger than life personality, and genuine love for others, Marty left a forever mark on all who knew him.

In his leisure time, Marty indulged in his enjoyment for guns, hunting, ATV trail riding, and anything that allowed him to embrace the outdoors. But one passion that brought him solace and joy were his grand-kids and time spent with family.

Although Marty has departed this world he leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will forever be cherished by those he impacted. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Olson, children Adam (Danielle) Gutzmer, Anthony (Angela) Gutzmer, Jessica (Ricky) Day, and Mikel (Tammy) Harms. His sister Jodi (Dean) Dirk, his grandchildren, Lillian, Helena, Lincoln, Austin, Theo, Evelyn and Iyla, special friend Aimee Tougas and honorary children, Devin, Tyler and Tanner Carlson, Casadee and Connor Campbell and Aubree Tougas, along with numerous other "children," relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

A burial service will take place on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM at The Baptist Cemetery in Corona, South Dakota.

Blessed be the Memory of Marty Harms

## Celebrating the Life of



Marty Harms

## *The Dash*

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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# *In Loving Memory Of* **Marty Harms**

March 3, 1963 - July 6, 2024

## **Funeral Service**

Monday, July 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
Underwood, Minnesota

## **Officiating**

Reverend Tim Collins & Reverend Michael Natale

## **Reading**

*The Dash* - Dean Dirk

## **Scripture**

Psalm 23  
John 14:1-6 and John 5:24-29  
Isaiah 41:10

## **Music**

Laurie Lekang, organist  
Tammy Harms & Steve Langager, Duet  
"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"  
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

## **Casketbearers**

"Marty's Children"

## **Interment**

11:00 AM, Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
Baptist Cemetery, Corona, South Dakota

## **Appreciation**

Marty's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

## **Arrangements by**

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