

The Life of Brian Sundstrom



Funeral services for Brian Sundstrom, 55, of Groton will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 5-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Brian fell asleep Saturday, April 30, 2016 at his home in Groton.

Brian David Sundstrom was born on October 19, 1960 in Sisseton to Byron Sundstrom and Verla (Fryer) Sundstrom. He was baptized at Zoar Lutheran Church, Grenville. Brian attended One Road Township Country School and continued his elementary years in Peever, SD. He later attended middle school in Sisseton, SD. At a very young age, he began working for Bucklin House Moving. At the age of 14, he worked along side his father at Knight Construction which later became Foothills Contracting. His career with them spanned 41 years. During those years, he became incredibly skilled at operating all

types of heavy equipment and was a Superintendent for Foothills Contracting at the time of his passing. On November 25, 1977 he was united in marriage with the love of his life, Nancy Anderson, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont, SD. They made their home in Watertown, SD from 1977 to 1983, when they moved to Groton and spent the remainder of his years with his wife at this residence.

Brian's family was the pride and joy of his life. Nothing meant more to him than spending time with his children and grandchildren. He spent his life working hard to provide for them. His best memories included time spent celebrating and catching up with his family, extended family members and friends. He loved the outdoors and spent time camping, pulling the kids' water skiing and watching stock car racing. Brian enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting, along with ice fishing. In recent years, he liked to play the online games, such as Candy Crush and Dragonvale. He found great companionship with his beloved dog Hawkaberry (Hawk). Brian was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Nancy of Groton, his mother, Verla of Webster, his children: Todd (Kara) Anderson of Groton, Jennifer (Chad) Little of Aberdeen, Melissa (Jesse) Connolly of Aberdeen, Shanda Sundstrom and her fiancé Chase Hunter of Fayetteville, AR, Brandee (Damian) Buro of Oakes, ND, and his grandchildren: Heather, Brook, Brandyn, Katelyn, Levi, Alivia, Carver, Kayson, Emilee, Boe, Kinzee, Zoe, and Henry. Brian is also survived by his three sisters, Rita Rondell of Lesterville, Tonda (Charlie) Nord of Henry and Heidi (Jeff) Knopf of Baltic.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents John and Bethel Sundstrom and Roy and Mae Fryer and his father Byron Sundstrom.

Honorary Casketbearers will be all of Brian's grandchildren and the Employees of Foothills Contracting.

Casketbearers will be Brook Anderson, Brandyn Anderson, Levi Little, Page Petrich, John Petrich, Wade Anderson, Trent Anderson, Harold Fryer and Gary German.

Family is requesting casual attire for Brian's Services