

## *Footprints in the sand*

One night in a dream,  
I walked with the Lord  
by the beach.

There were two footprints,  
mine and the Lord's.

But during tough times,  
I just saw mine and I wondered  
why.

So I asked the Lord,  
"Why leave me alone when  
I was down?"

The Lord said, "My precious child,  
I never left you  
during your times of trial  
and suffering,

When you saw only one set of  
footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

# IN LOVING

*memory of*



# TONY KOCH

JULY 14, 1951 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

**Anton “Tony” Koch**, 74, of Mandan, passed away on September 27, 2025, at Miller Pointe in Mandan.

Anton, known to family and friends as “Tony,” was born July 14, 1951, in Mandan to Anton and Cleopatra (Markos) Koch. He grew up in Mandan, where he graduated from Mandan High School. After attending NDSU and Wahpeton State College of Science, Tony returned home to begin his career in the restaurant business. He later shifted to the bar industry, eventually owning and operating Tony’s Bar and Lounge. After selling the bar, he continued bartending at several establishments in Mandan, with one of his last being the Lonesome Dove. Tony enjoyed the conversations, stories, and friendships that came with his work behind the bar.

He was a hardworking man who loved history and was always willing to put others before himself. Above all, Tony was proud of his daughters and their families. He will be remembered for his wisdom, kindness, and the genuine way he connected with others.

Tony will be deeply missed by his daughters, Tanya (Randy) Wetch and Nicole Koch, and their mother, Kathy Bayer and her son, Brandon (Shanna) Koch; his grandchildren, Alicia, Alex, Alora, Trayton, Mia, and Jaxon; great-grandchildren, Liam and Nala; as well as many cousins, countless friends; and his lifelong friend, Rick (Deb) Hebert.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Cleopatra Koch; his aunts, Rose Koch Dutton, Christine (Melbourne) Kincaid, and Angie (Albert) Fopp; along with several cousins.



Please scan the QR code to watch  
Tony’s Celebration of Life Tribute video.



<b>Rosary &amp; Parish Vigil</b>	Thursday, October 2, 2025; 6:00 PM
<b>Presider</b>	Deacon Randy Frohlich
<b>Funeral Liturgy</b>	Friday, October 3, 2025; 10:30 AM St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mandan, ND
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Josh Waltz
<b>Musicians</b>	Regina McLaine & Emma Lynch
<b>Casketbearers</b>	Randy Wetch, Alex Koch, Trayton Johnson Beau Stueck, Chad Kincaid, Doug Rebel
<b>Honorary Casketbearer</b>	Wade Kincaid
<b>Lectors</b>	Birdie Kincaid & Rhonda Schafer
Prelude	<i>“The Old Rugged Cross”</i>
Processional Song	<i>“In the Garden”</i>
<hr/> <i>Liturgy of the Word</i> <hr/>	
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 43:1-5
Response	Psalm 23
<i>“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”</i>	
New Testament Reading	Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:31-46
Homily	
<hr/> <i>Liturgy of the Eucharist</i> <hr/>	
Preparation of Gifts Song	“Amazing Grace”
Presentation of Gifts	Mia Ruiz & Alora Koch
Eucharistic Prayer	
Communion Songs	“I Am the Bread of Life”
Communion Meditation	
Final Commendation	“Song of Farewell”
Closing Song	“On Eagles Wings”
<b>Committal Service</b>	<b>Mandan Union Cemetery</b> Mandan, North Dakota

*The family invites you for food & fellowship at  
Buehler-Larson Funeral Home immediately following the burial service.*