

John James Loeschke was born on June 17, 1960, to James and Mildred (Schellberg) Loeschke in Milbank, SD. He was baptized and confirmed at Central Church in Milbank. John attended the Grant-Deuel School District in Revillo, SD, where he played sports and always enjoyed visiting with his classmates. He graduated with the class of 1978. John began farming alongside his father right out of high school. He took great pride in raising crops, along with being a dairyman for the first 22 years of farming. Shortly thereafter, John couldn't sit still after selling the dairy cows, so he switched to raising feeder cattle and continued to do so, along with raising crops until his departure from us.



On May 10, 1980, John married Karen Wollschlager at St. James Catholic Church in Nassau, MN. Together, they raised three children: Matthew, Kristin, and Lucas. John's true passion in life was teaching his kids and grandkids how to properly raise crops and cattle, as well as instilling strong family values and a dedicated work ethic. Family and faith were very important to John. He would get up extremely early to finish chores so he could attend the kids' ball games or go to church on Sunday mornings. John enjoyed hunting and smoking meats. His wonderful smile and love of family meals showed just how much he cherished life and time spent with loved

ones. John was a church council member at Central United Methodist Church for 19 years. He served on the township board for Vernon Township for 27 years. At the annual church barbecue, you could often find him helping prepare the chicken for everyone to enjoy. John also loved playing cards at family gatherings. He had the gift of gab and a special bond with people. When the grandkids came to the farm, they enjoyed rides in the tractor and checking the crops, a special time with Grandpa John, Mick, Abe, and Mina.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Karen of Milbank, SD; son, Matthew (Jackie) Loeschke of Milbank, SD; daughter, Kristin Loeschke of Watertown, SD; son, Lucas Loeschke of Milbank, SD; grandchildren: Mick, Abe, Mina Loeschke of Milbank, SD; step-grandson, Shad Hemmer of Amarillo, TX; sisters: Kathy (Gary) Granquist of Stockholm, SD and Elaine (Troy) Hewson of Newell, SD; aunt, Francis Conraads of Milbank, SD; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is also survived by his in-laws: Greg and Teresa Wollschlager, Lori and Kyle Helm, Brenda Sime, Brian and Janelle Wollschlager, Mark and Laurie Wollschlager, Mary and Bob Drake, Tim and Jenny Wollschlager, Bob and Kristin Wollschlager. He is preceded in death by James and Mildred Loeschke, and by his step mother, Leona Loeschke and brother in law Blake Sime and many aunts and uncles.



In Loving Memory of John Loeschke

WHO WAS BORN

June 17, 1960
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

July 30, 2025
Blaine County, Montana

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, August 15, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
Central Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Thom Bowsher
Rev. Dr. DeVern Schwenn

ORGANIST

Sheila Dailie

SPECIAL SONGS

Amazing Grace | Precious Lord, Take My Hand | Old Rugged Cross
What a Friend We Have in Jesus | On Eagle's Wings

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Shad Hemmer | Kevin Granquist | Jeff Kranz
Justin Sime | Mike Hanson | Adam Pauli

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Tim Miller | Wayne Meyer | Tom Frogner | Larry Trapp
Ron Meister | Joel O'Brien | Tim Stengel | Greg Grabow | Bob Pauli

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

John's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for a luncheon and a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

CLOSE THE GATE



*Close the gate, the day is done,
the chores are all complete,
the sun has set, the stars appear,
and the world is hushed and sweet.
No more you'll toil beneath the sun,
your weary labor's done.
The seeds you planted, now they're grown,
your harvest has been won.
So close the gate, and rest in peace,
your work is done on earth.
The Lord has called you to your home,
where love and joy have their birth.*

Please use this QR code to access
John's online guestbook & tribute video.



Remembering

THE LIFE OF



John Loeschke

June 17, 1960 - July 30, 2025

