

Behind
me and
before me is
God and I have
no fears.
- *Helen Keller*

IN LOVING
Memory
Bradley "Brad" Gorter



Funeral Service

Friday, March 28, 2025 - 10:00 AM
First Presbyterian Church
Pipestone, Minnesota

Officiating - Rev. Carl Gearhart

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 I Peter 1:3-7

Organist - Denise Nagel

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" - Insert

"In the Garden" - Insert

"How Great Thou Art" - Insert

Casket Bearers

Gary Gorter Kevin Gorter John Gorter
Doug Gorter Del Gorter Chad Walters
Mike Wiese AJ Bucher Lee Gorter

Honorary Casket Bearers

Austin Richardson Cassie Bucher
Brandon Gorter Hayden Gorter
Lochlan Bucher Araya Richardson
Robbie VandenBosch Lynn Carr
And all of Brad's nieces & nephews

Interment

Old Woodlawn Cemetery
Pipestone, Minnesota

Arrangements By

HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

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Bradley "Brad" Gorter

May 4, 1970 - March 21, 2025



Bradley “Brad” Jay Gorter was born on May 4, 1970, to John and Geraldine (Hoff) Gorter in Pipestone, Minnesota. Brad was the youngest of nine siblings while growing up. Together they worked and played on the family farm, located just south of Pipestone. They spent endless hours baling hay, milking cows and working during the summers. From a young age, Brad had learned how to work hard and to be proud of his work. Brad attended Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton, Minnesota, graduating in 1988. Some of his favorite memories were the many family trips to Colorado, going to Interstate Auctions and most recently his first trip hog hunting. He enjoyed his trip so much that he was already planning his next one. Brad was united in marriage to the love of his life, Sue Carstensen, on October 7, 2006, the same date as Sue’s parent’s, Jack and Carol, 50th anniversary. The two created a beautiful family and countless memories through their years together. Brad worked for many construction companies throughout his life as a heavy equipment operator. He worked for Carstensen Contracting, Winter Brothers, John’s Construction, LG Everest and was currently working for Hardrock Aggregate. He also worked for Bill Winter doing snow removal for many years. Brad passed unexpectedly but peacefully in his home on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the age of 54 years, 10 months and 17 days.

Brad had the biggest personality and an even bigger heart; he was always making new friends everywhere he went. He had an unforgettable laugh that filled the room. He was known for his dad jokes and being ‘Grumpa’, even though he took his job being Papa very seriously. Everyone knew that if Brad started telling a story that they should just grab a seat because he wouldn’t be missing a single detail of it for them. Brad’s family and friends were his whole life, he would do just about anything for anyone – his garage door was always open and there was beer in the fridge if someone needed to stop over to talk. Numerous times he could be heard cheering/yelling at the Vikings, as he had a love/hate relationship with them. He always had something good to say about someone. Brad touched the lives of countless people in many different ways. His absence in life will be felt deeply by those who knew him.



Brad’s memory will live on through his wife, Sue Gorter of Pipestone, Minnesota; his children, Austin (Maranda) Richardson, Cassie (AJ) Bucher, Brandon Gorter and Hayden Gorter, all of Pipestone; mother-in-law, Carol Carstensen of Pipestone; siblings, Lynn Carr of Loveland, Colorado, Gary Gorter of Pipestone, John Gorter of Holland, Minnesota, Kevin (Lisa) Gorter of Pipestone, Del (Reggie) Gorter of Pipestone, and Doug (Tammy) Gorter of Pipestone; brother-in-law, Dave (Linda) Greve of Holland; his beloved grandchildren, Lochlan Bucher and Araya Richardson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Brad was preceded in death by his parents, John and Geraldine Gorter; father-in-law, Jack Carstensen; sisters, GleAnn Greve and Shar Drew; and his brother-in-law, Dave Carr.



Brad's family would like to express their sincere gratitude for your presence as well as for any memorials that have been gifted. The kind words & love are deeply appreciated.