

Joseph Mark Kanthak was born on March 25, 1970, in Ortonville, MN, to Joseph and Virginia (Zahnow) Kanthak. He grew up on the family farm. Joe was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith and attended Grant-Deuel School, graduating with the Class of 1989.

Following his education, Joe began a career in trucking. While continuing to live on the family farm, he hauled livestock for Zomers Trucking out of Sioux Falls, SD. Joe was united in marriage to Lori Homan, and together they were blessed with a son, Lukas. The couple later parted ways.

In 2017, Joe returned home to farm alongside his parents, a chapter of life that brought him great fulfillment. In 2018, he married Michelle Gerdes. Through this marriage, Joe was blessed with two stepchildren, Tatum and Carlin, whom he welcomed into his life and family. Joe and Michelle later parted ways.

In his younger years, Joe enjoyed hunting and spending time outdoors. As the years went on, he developed a passion for woodworking, a craft that became especially meaningful to him. He took pride in decorating his homes with handcrafted woodwork and creating beautiful furniture pieces for family and friends.

Upon returning home, Joe discovered a love for horses and became actively involved in riding, team penning, and rodeo activities. He even built an arena pen where he could spend time riding and enjoying the sport he came to cherish. He found joy in fishing and appreciated any opportunity to be outdoors.

Joe will be remembered for his hardworking nature, his craftsmanship, his love of farming and animals, and the care he showed to those around him. The memories he created, and the pieces of himself he left in the lives of family and friends, will be treasured for years to come.

Joe is survived by his son, Lukas Kanthak of Reville, SD; his parents: Joseph and Virginia Kanthak of Reville, SD; former wives: Michelle Kanthak of Milbank, SD; and Lori Homan of Marietta, MN; his stepchildren, Myranda, Tatum, and Carlin; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Kanthak, in 1989.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Joseph "Joe" M. Kanthak

WHO WAS BORN

March 25, 1970
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

June 17, 2026
Reville, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
Annunciation Catholic Church
Reville, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Tom Hartman

MUSICIAN

Holly Meyer, Pianist

CASKET BEARER

Beloved Son

Lukas Kanthak

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Joe's Trucking Buddies and Rodeo Friends

INURNMENT

St. James Catholic Cemetery
Nassau, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

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

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Plowboy

After the last red sunset glimmer,
black on the line of a low hill rise,
formed into moving shadows, I saw,
a plowboy and two horses lined against the gray,
plowing in the dusk the last furrow.

The turf had a gleam of brown,
and smell of soil was in the air,
and, cool and moist, a haze of April.

I shall remember you long,
plowboy and horses against the sky in shadow.

I shall remember you and the picture,
you made for me,
turning the turf in the dusk,
and haze of an April gloaming.

- Carl Sandburg

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online obituary and guestbook.



Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Joseph "Joe" M. Kanthak