

Mark Richard Iverson was born on April 25, 1955, in Alexandria, MN, to Leslie “Les” Iverson and Margaret (Peg) Tieman. He spent his early years in Alexandria, Milbank, and Big Stone City, SD, and graduated from Ortonville High School in 1973. Shortly after, he proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1973 to 1976, stationed in California and spending time abroad in Okinawa.



Following his military service, he worked as an accountant for a construction company in St. Louis, and later at the Big Stone City Cheese Factory. In July 1979, his passion for helping others led him to counseling at Sky Ranch Boys Camp in Crooks, SD, before pursuing higher education. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Allied Health with a concentration in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies, graduating in December 1983. After graduation, Mark served as a counselor at the Anothan Treatment Facility in Ortonville, MN.

He later followed a spiritual calling and spent time as a monk at Blue Cloud Abbey from 1988 to 1992. During that period, he studied theology at St. John’s University in Collegeville, MN, from 1989 to 1991, working toward his master’s degree.

After leaving the abbey, he settled in Clear Lake, SD, where he worked for Thane Wells during lambing season. He married Laura Lackman on June 9, 1995, in Milbank, SD, and welcomed her children, Joe and Kathy, into his family. Mark and Laura then moved to rural Hitterdal, MN, where he worked at Team Industries in Audubon and helped with fall harvests for the Kevin Quick family.

Mark’s passions in life were rooted deeply in connection—with people, with nature, and with purpose. He found great fulfillment in his involvement with AA, where he built lifelong friendships and offered encouragement and support to countless others on their own journeys. Hunting and fishing were more than hobbies for Mark; they were traditions he cherished, especially when shared with his brothers, nephews, son, and close friends. These experiences brought him both peace and purpose, and the memories made on those outings were some of his most treasured.

He is survived by his children: Kathy Ouradnik Knipp of Chicago, IL and Joe Ouradnik (Angela) of Alton, IA; grandchildren: Brady, Connor, Ethan, Madison, Taylor, and Emily; sisters: Joan Reiffenberger of Big Stone City, SD; Betty Reinke of Ortonville, MN; Teri (Anthony) Spors of Big Stone City, SD; brothers: Tom (Barb) Iverson of Big Stone City, SD; and David (Charlene) Iverson of Baltic, SD; sister-in-law, Jane Lackman of Hitterdal, MN; brother-in-law, John (Pauline) Hicks of Milbank, SD; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He will also be remembered by many close friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Laura; parents: Peg and Les; sister, Deb Hicks; brother, Bob Iverson; brothers-in-law: Mel Reinke and Don Reiffenberger; sister-in-law, Eva O’Connor; nephew, Paul “Mitchy” Hicks; and parents-in-law: Paul and Anna Lee Lackman, along with his grandparents.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his compassion, service, and the joy he brought to those around him.

In Loving Memory of

Mark Iverson

WHO WAS BORN

April 25, 1955
Alexandria, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

July 13, 2025
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, August 4, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.
Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center
Marvin, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Thomas Hillenbrand

ACTIVE URN BEARERS

Pat Lemke

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Jane Lackman | Brady Ouradnik | Connor Ouradnik | Ethan Peickert
Madison Ouradnik | Taylor Ouradnik | Emily Peickert

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054
D.A.V. Chapter #19
Sons of American Legion Post #9

INTERMENT

Blue Cloud Abbey Cemetery
Marvin, South Dakota

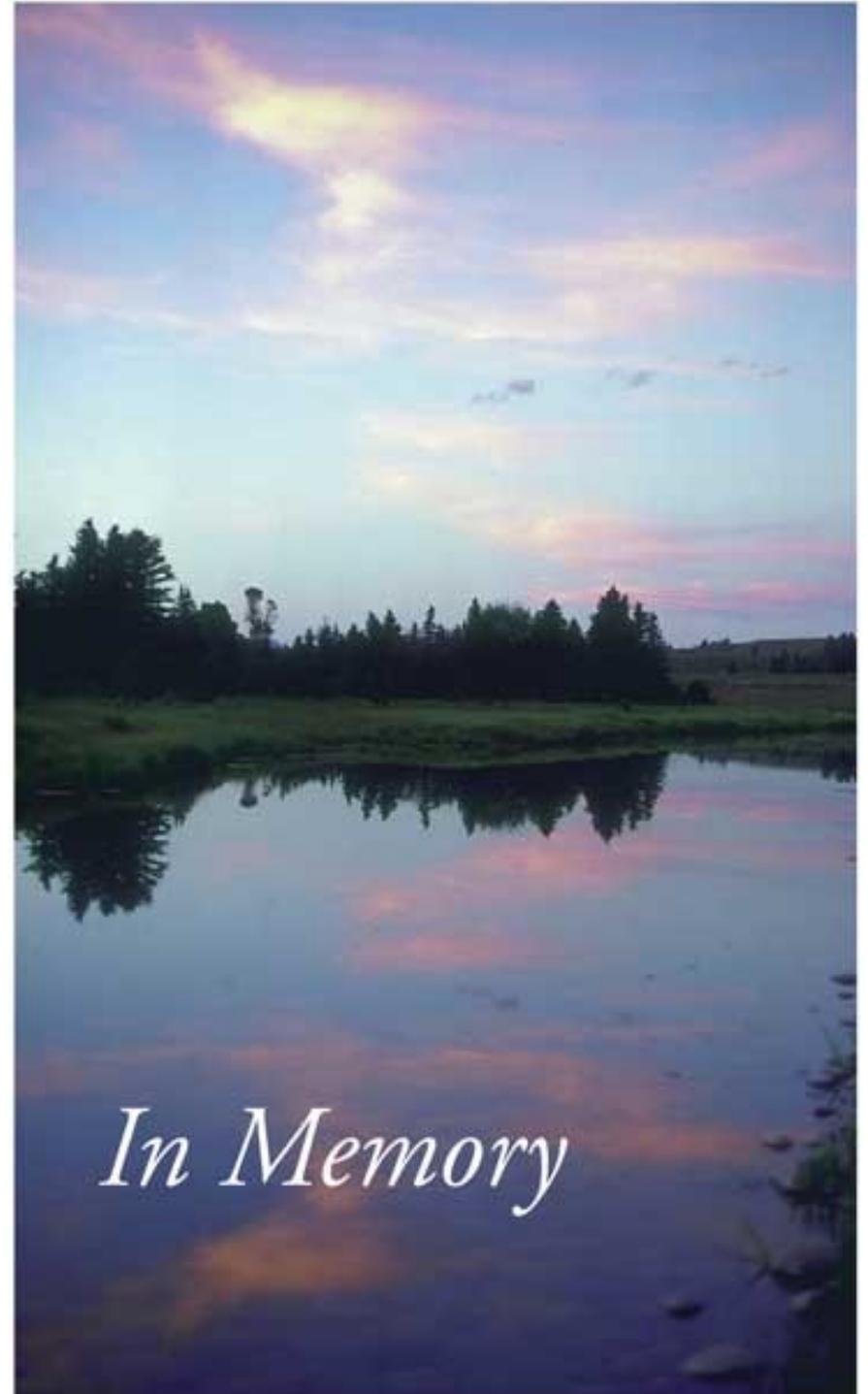
APPRECIATION

Mark’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 Blue Cloud Abbey dining area.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



In Memory