

**D**avid Allen Rudebusch was born on April 5, 1956, in Webster, SD, to Robert and Ramona (Knopf) Rudebusch. He grew up on the family farm near Ortley, SD, and graduated from high school in Waubay with the Class of 1974.

On April 19, 1986, Dave was united in marriage with Donna Marquardt in Twin Brooks, SD. They were blessed with five children: Steve, Josh, Matt, David, and James.

Dave worked for many years as a parts salesman for Case IH throughout South Dakota and Minnesota. In 1992, the family moved to Summit, SD. In 1997, Dave began working for the City of Summit in maintenance, where he remained until his retirement in 2013. Dave and Donna moved to Milbank in 2022 and lived happily there until his passing.

Dave was very active in the Ortley Free Lutheran Church, serving for many years as either President or Vice President. He also loved the outdoors and spent much of his time fishing and hunting with family and friends.

David is survived by his wife, Donna of 39 years, sons: Steve (Marie) Rudebusch of Mellette, SD; Josh (Ashley) Rudebusch of Ortley, SD; Matt (Tracy) Rudebusch of Peever, SD; David (Courtne) Rudebusch of Milbank, SD; and James (Jennifer) Rudebusch of Watertown, SD; grandchildren: Jasmine: Alex; Harmony; Wesley; Emma; Clara; Olivia; Hanna; Walker; and Kinsley; his sister, Julie (Lloyd) Kranz of Kranzberg, SD; and brother, Robert (Jean) Rudebusch of Wahpeton, ND; sisters-in-law: Pam Rudebusch of Watertown, SD; and Judi Rudebusch of Corona, SD; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents: Robert and Ramona Rudebusch; sister, Susie Rudebusch; brothers: Larry Rudebusch and Rick Rudebusch; parents-in-law: Albert and Alice Marquardt.



**In Loving Memory of**

*David A. Rudebusch*



**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Friday, May 23, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.  
Ortley Free Lutheran Church  
Ortley, South Dakota

**CLERGY**

Pastor Ken Flaten

**MUSICIAN**

Carol Gobel, Organist

**SPECIAL SONGS**

*“Old Rugged Cross” | “Amazing Grace” | “How Great Thou Art”  
“Daddy’s Hands” - Holly Dunn*

**ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS**

Brian Rudebusch | Eric Rudebusch | Aaron Rudebusch  
Darin Sackreiter | Taylor Thompson | Joe Kranz

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

David’s Beloved Grandchildren  
Jasmine | Alex | Harmony | Wesley | Emma  
Clara | Olivia | Hanna | Walker | Kinsley

**INTERMENT**

Ortley Cemetery  
Ortley, South Dakota

**APPRECIATION**

David’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the burial, please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church dining area.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota*

# Footprints

*One night I had a dream. I was walking along  
The beach with the Lord, and across the skies  
Flashed scenes from my life.*

*In each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints  
In the sand. One was mine and one was the  
Lord's. When the last scene of my life  
Appeared before me, I looked back at the  
footprints in the sand, and to my surprise, I  
noticed that many times along the path of my  
life there was only one set of footprints. And I  
noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest  
times in my life. I asked the Lord about it.*

*"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow  
you, you would walk with me all the way. But I  
notice that during the most troublesome times  
in my life there is only one set of footprints. I  
don't understand why you left my side when I  
needed you most." The Lord replied, "My  
precious, precious child, I love you and would  
never leave you. During the times of trial and  
suffering, where you see only one set of  
footprints, I was carrying you."*

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Dave's online guestbook.

