



*celebrating the Life of*

## **ZACH SCHLECHT**

### **DATE OF BIRTH**

December 10, 1980  
Jamestown, ND

### **DATE OF DEATH**

August 26, 2025  
Bismarck, ND

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
St. James Basilica  
Very Reverend C.F. Wilhelm ~ Celebrant

### **MUSIC**

Linda Levin – Organist     Katie Hemmer - Vocalist  
“Here I Am Lord” #533     “Amazing Grace”  
“Be Not Afraid”     “Song of Farewell” #376  
“Lead Me, Lord”

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

All of Zach’s family and friends

### **INTERMENT**

St. John’s Catholic Cemetery  
Kensal, North Dakota

### **RECEPTION**

In the fellowship hall immediately following the  
funeral service.

*There are many homes up there  
where my Father lives, and I am  
going to prepare them for your  
coming...*

*When everything is ready, then I will  
come and get you, so that you can  
always be with me where I am. If this  
weren’t so, I would tell you plainly.*

*John 14: 2,3*



Zachary "Zach" Schlecht, 44, of Bismarck, ND, passed away peacefully on August 26, 2025, at Sanford Hospital in Bismarck after a courageous two-year battle with oral cancer.

Zach was born December 10, 1980, in Jamestown, ND, to Mark and Ameta Schlecht. He grew up in Jamestown, where he attended St. John's Academy and later graduated from Jamestown High School. During his school years, Zach enjoyed playing both hockey and football, building friendships and memories that lasted his lifetime.

Zach's love for the outdoors was evident in his passion for hunting and fishing. He was happiest when spending time in nature, surrounded by family, friends, and his dogs. Over the years, Zach worked as a plumber and an electrician, and in recent years, he found pride in his work placing microfiber optics.

For the past eight years, Zach made his home in Bismarck with his beloved partner, Amber. Together they shared a deep and meaningful life, celebrating their love with a commitment ceremony on March 29, 2025. Zach was devoted to Amber and their two dogs, Capone and Penelope, who brought him constant joy.

Zach will be remembered for his kind heart, generous spirit, and unwavering loyalty as a friend. His empathy and compassion for others touched the lives of many, leaving behind a legacy of love and selflessness. Above all, Zach valued his family and cherished every moment spent with them.

He is survived by his partner, Amber; his parents, Mark and Ameta Schlecht; his grandparents, Darwin and Shirley Hoggarth; and numerous aunts, uncles, and extended family members including Brenda and Rob McDonnell, John and Teri Hoggarth, John and Diane Schlecht, Dan and Marion Schlecht, Pat and Cathy Schlecht, Russ and Carol Schlecht, Deb Oakley, Tim Schlecht, Jamie and Rosie Schlecht, and Kay and Rick Albrecht. And many cousins.

Zach was preceded in death by his grandparents, Don and Phyllis Schlecht; his aunt, Laura Hoggarth-Fossum; Tom Schlecht; Elizabeth Doyle; and many other loved ones who welcomed him into eternal peace.

Zach's courage, kindness, and love will live on forever in the hearts of those who knew him.