

## *The Fishing Hole In The Sky*

By Esther Swanborough

When I come to the end of the horizon  
And enter the other shore  
Remember me with fondness.  
Cry for me no more.

I have found my final resting place  
That special spot to fish  
Remember the times that we shared  
You too, I will miss.

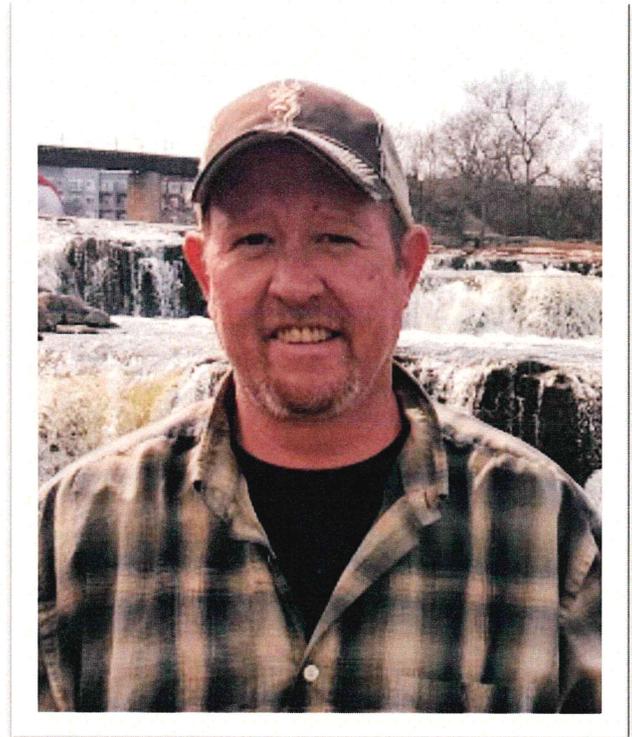
This is the journey I must take,  
And I must go alone.  
Know that my heart is with you,  
As I take this journey home.

To that final fishing hole  
For fishermen like me  
To tell the biggest fishing tales  
About the one that got away.

Remember me with fondness  
This is not goodbye  
It is "Till we meet again".  
At the fishing hole in the sky.



## Remembering The Life Of Jeff Jamie Lerdal



January 27, 1972  
February 7, 2025

Jeff Jamie Lerdal was born January 27, 1972, to Steven and Susan (Fuglsby) Lerdal in Madison, South Dakota. Jeff and family moved to Hawarden, Iowa, in 1977 where he attended West Sioux Community Schools.

Jeff worked for Lynott Implement alongside his dad from May 2000 until his time of death, with brief stints at NorAm in Le Mars, Iowa and the lamb plant in Hawarden.

He was united in marriage to Robin Baughfman on April 1, 2018. Robin brought with her 4 children, Matt, Kendra, Ceara, and Chris. Jeff was blessed with his grandchildren, Taylin and Piper. Jeff was their favorite person, and they were his.

Jeff was a mechanic for diesel and small engines. He was an amazing mechanic and could fix almost anything with a motor. He also enjoyed fishing, metal detecting, and golf. Jeff also liked woodworking with his dad. He was a great cook that loved (or tolerated) all the recipes Robin had him try. Jeff loved sitting around drinking and playing games with family and friends. Jeff enjoyed teaching his stepchildren new things they wanted to learn. He passed away peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2025 at Avera McLennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 53.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Robin Lerdal of Hawarden; his step kids, Matt Van Lo of Hopkins, South Carolina, Kendra Van Lo (Jody) of Hawarden, Ceara Blumeyer of Hawarden, and Chris Blumeyer of Yankton, South Dakota; a son, Austin and grandson, Levi; Jeff's granddaughters, Taylin and Piper; mother, Rev. Susan (Ron) Benz of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; brothers, Scott (Sherry) Lerdal of Hull, Iowa, and Mark (Chellsie) Lerdal of Brookings, South Dakota; brother-in-law, Travis Baughfman of Sheldon, Iowa; half-sister, Kristen (Jason) Scott of Le Mars; nieces and nephews, Kaylee (Johnny) Strong and kids, Samantha Orton and kids, Derrik (Kayla) Orton and kids, Zach (Melanie) Lerdal, Isaac Lerdal, Logan Beitelspacher, and Rylan Schmidt.

He was preceded in death by his father, Steven Lerdal; paternal grandparents, Merle and Madeline Lerdal; maternal grandparents, Norman and Myrtle Fuglsby; uncles, Gary Lerdal and Ron Lerdal; aunts, Jewyll Sponheim and Joanne Lerdal; father-in-law, William Baughfman; and mother-in-law, Mary Noethe.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
*Jeff Jamie Lerdal*

January 27, 1972 ~ February 7, 2025

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025

Porter Funeral Home

Hawarden, Iowa

**OFFICANT**

Pastor Charlie Dial

of the Harvest Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**MUSIC SELECTIONS**

*"Dads Don't Die"* Nate Smith

*"Save The Roses"* Lee Brice

*"Scars In Heaven"* Casting Crowns

*"Never Not Remember You"* Cooper Alan