

**Kevin James Keegan** was born March 28, 1972 in Faith, SD. He was the son of James "Jimmie" and Joyce (Miller) Keegan. Kevin's father tragically died at a very young age, and when Kevin's mother married Bill Collins, he became his dad. Bill was a wonderful dad to Kevin and they were very close. In 1990, Kevin graduated from the Dupree High School. While attending school, Kevin played football and basketball. Kevin also competed in boxing. Following high school, Kevin attended Black Hills State University, and graduated in 1994 with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. Kevin was united in marriage to Kelly Birkeland on August 20, 1994 in Dupree, SD. Kevin and Kelly were high school sweethearts, who had their first date when they were in seventh grade. Following their marriage, they settled in Belle Fourche where Kevin worked for the Roundup Building Center and Dakota Lumber. He also worked for Pete Pedersen where he learned all about trailer conversions. This led him to begin his business, K & K Kustoms, which he owned and operated for many years. Kevin was also co-owner of B & K with his brother-in-law, Ramon. Kevin's true love however was ranching. In 2019 he sold his business so that he could return to what he loved to do most – spending time in Dupree on the family ranch.

Kevin was a hard-working man, and a perfectionist. There wasn't much he couldn't do when it came to fixing something, or making something. Oftentimes he would even sacrifice his body to complete a job. Kevin was a quiet man and even a stubborn man as well, and he always had a toothpick in his mouth. Kevin served as a Director on the Board of 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Bank USA. He loved sports of any kind, and he coached softball and served on the soccer board. He watched his children compete in sports as well. He enjoyed camping and boating, and was the best brother you could ask for. He was very close to his siblings and entire family. Kevin was a devoted husband and father, and he was loved very much. Kevin died at the age of 52, on January 23, 2025

Kevin is survived by his wife Kelly of Belle Fourche; children, Daxton of Minneapolis, Raymie (fiancé' Cade Ostenson) of Alexandria LA, Dru of Belle Fourche; mother, Joyce Collins of Spearfish; brothers, Lavern of Belle Fourche, Bruce (Deanne) of Dupree, Jamie of Belle Fourche, Kelly (and wife Kellie) of Hermosa; sisters, Teresa (Scott) Peterson of Lemmon, Jenn (Chet) Nichols of Fort Worth TX; father-in-law, Gary Birkeland of Dupree and Belle Fourche; brothers-in-law, Jay Birkeland of Rapid City, Ramon Birkeland of Dupree; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Keegan; dad, William Collins; mother-in-law, Sonja Birkeland; and sister-in-law, Robbi Birkeland.

*May God Bless the Memory of Kevin James Keegan.*

## Forever In Our Hearts



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