

Ryan (Erickson) Grimm, 39 of Pukwana, South Dakota, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Ryan was born on April 2, 1986 in Aledo, IL to Steve Erickson and Judy (Fuller) Schwartzkopf. He graduated from Rock Island High School in Rock Island, IL with the class of 2004. He later earned a Bachelor's degree in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2009 followed by an Associate Nursing Degree in 2015 from Black Hawk College.

Ryan dedicated his professional life to caring for others as a Registered Nurse at Sanford Care Center in Chamberlain, SD where he was widely respected as a strong patient advocate and compassionate caregiver.

In 2020, Ryan fell in love with the beauty of South Dakota and proudly made it his permanent home. He married Travis Grimm on October 1, 2024 on a scenic overlook in Chamberlain, SD. He was known for his generous heart, infectious smile, and unforgettable laugh. He had a profound love for friends, family and his "Blue Crew." He had a passion for gaming, music, politics, theology and traveling with friends on various vacations throughout the United States. He was a devoted cat dad to his beloved cats Nicki and Trinket.

Ryan's kindness, generosity, and unwavering compassion left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be remembered for the love he shared, the lives he touched, and the light he brought into the world.

Grateful for having shared his life is his beloved husband Travis Grimm of Pukwana, SD. His father Steve Erickson (Janet) of Rock Island, IL and mother Judy Schwartzkopf of Sherrard, IL. His brothers Dilan Schwartzkopf (Frank Zarazinski) of Sherrard, IL and Steven Erickson (Alexi Papalossi) of Glendale, AZ. Step brothers Derrick Newton (Amanda) of Iowa City, IA and Devin Newton (Carolina) of Iowa City. Parents-in laws Dave and Mary Grimm of Battle Creek, MI. Brother-in-laws David Grimm (Jaimee) of Battle Creek, MI; Matt Grimm (Corrine) of Kalamazoo, MI; Trevor Grimm (Cynthia) of Eldridge, IA. Sister-in-law Allison Houts (Michael) of Kalamazoo, MI. As well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and grandparents.



In Loving Memory of

Ryan Christopher Grimm

1986 ~ 2026



For Those I Love, For Those Who Love Me...

*When I am gone, release me, let me go -
I have so many things to say and do,
You musn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown.
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve awhile for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near -
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and "Welcome Home."*

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April 2, 1986 ~ January 5, 2026

Funeral Service

Trinity Lutheran Church, Chamberlain, SD

11:00 a.m., Monday, January 12, 2026

Officiating

Pastor Paula Canby

Music

Stacey Tveit ~ Pianist

"O Come To The Altar" ~ Elevation Worship

"On Eagle's Wings" ~ Congregational

"You Are Mine" ~ Congregational

"Sky Full Of Stars" ~ Coldplay

Casketbearers

Daulton Guinn

Declan Tveit

Matt Grimm

Conner McKee

Jim Killion

Alexi Papalossi

Interment

At a Later Date

Rock Island, IL

Please join the family for lunch & fellowship
following the funeral services in the Church hall.

Arrangements by: Hickey Funeral Chapel, Chamberlain, SD