



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard His call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and to thee
God wanted me now, He set me free.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert Gordon Crist

WHO WAS BORN

May 26, 1957

Black River Falls, Wisconsin

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

December 31, 2023

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, January 4, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANTS

Rev. Thom Bowsher | Levi Wadell

MUSICIAN

Tim Mundwiler

CASEKT BEARERS

Bobby Crist | Eric Crist | Brandon Crist
Abigail Crist | Casey Mielitz | Tyrone Ronke

HONORARY BEARERS

Grandchildren:

Ava Sichmeller | Jazmynne Ronke | Nevaeh Crist
Mya Ronke | Molly Crist | Jaxon Crist

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9

V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486

V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054

D.A.V. Chapter #19

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery

APPRECIATION

Bob's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for lunch and fellowship at the Milbank VFW.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Robert Gordon Crist was born on May 26, 1957, in Black River Falls, WI. At the age of two years, Bob was adopted by Gordon and Ruth (Gilbertson) Crist. Bob grew up in Milbank and attended school. He served in the National Guard, 740th Transportation Company in Milbank.

Bob was united in marriage with Gloria Vollmer on August 4, 1979. They were blessed with four children: Bobby, Eric, Brandon, and Abegail. Bob worked a variety of jobs in Milbank including working at the family business, A&W, at Dakota Granite Company, Dewey's Lawn Care, a custodian for Milbank High School, Gesswein Motors, and was a Reserve Officer for the Milbank Police Department.

Bob loved to cheer for the Green Bay Packers! He enjoyed snowmobiling, camping, and Harley Davidson motorcycles. He adored his children and grandchildren. He attended Living Word Lutheran Church.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Bobby Crist (fiancé, Casey Mielitz) of Ortonville, MN; Eric Crist of Milbank, SD; Brandon Crist (Ali Julian) of Jacksonville, NC; and Abegail Crist (Tyrone Ronke) of Milbank, SD; sisters: Janice Krpata of Black River Falls, WI; Lynette (Duane) Gussiaas of Sioux Falls, SD; brother, Charlie (Mary) Annis of Hilton, WI; six grandchildren: Ava Sichmeller, Jazmynne Ronke, Nevaeh Crist, Mya Ronke, Molly Crist, and Jaxson Crist; nieces: Penny (Neil) Madison of Browns Valley, MN; and Melissa (Jerry) Morton of Sioux Falls, SD; and nephew: Brian (Steph) Helmbrecht of Sioux Falls, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents: Gordon and Ruth; his birth mom, Irene; grandson, Dominic Knutson; an infant grandchild; and a nephew, Jacob Helmbrecht.

