



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rodney Hansen

WHO WAS BORN

March 8, 1957
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

September 3, 2026
Wilmot, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
Wilmot Community Center
Wilmot, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Kay Reeb

MUSICIAN

Tim Mundwiler

SPECIAL SONGS

“Go Rest High on That Mountain” - Tim Mundwiler
“Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone” - Tim Mundwiler
“Every Night”
“Free Bird” - Lynyrd Skynyrd

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Tyler Hennagir | Gerald Swayze | Todd Bassett
Scott Hansen | Scott Bassett | Jerry Gulbrandson

INTERMENT

Wilmot Cemetery
Wilmot, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Rod’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of
fellowship and luncheon at the Wilmot Community Center.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Until We Meet Again

Please use this QR code to view Rod’s
online obituary and guestbook.



Rodney “Rod” Russell Hansen was born on March 8, 1957, in Milbank, SD, to Russell and Arlene (Thielmann) Hansen. He grew up on the family farm north of Wilmot and graduated from Wilmot High School in 1975.



Rod was a man of many talents, interests, and adventures. Over the years, he worked as a beekeeper for JZ and did construction work, and as a long-haul truck driver. He attended the Divers Institute of Technology in Seattle, WA, where he became certified in commercial diving and underwater welding. He spent more than 20 years welding at Angus Palm in Watertown, SD. He also operated a tree service, graded township roads, raised cattle, and built a house.

There was very little Rod couldn’t figure out. He was a great mechanic, a natural problem solver, and, perhaps most importantly, a good listener.

His adventurous spirit took him around the world. His travels included horseback riding through the forests of Germany, scuba diving in Mexico, and climbing the Great Wall of China with his bride-to-be. In 2019, he married Jia Hui Dong of Guangzhou City, China, and settled into domestic life.

Rod loved living at the lake. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding his Harley-Davidson, and simply being at home on Big Stone Lake. He was kind to his mother, appreciated his friends, was devoted to his wife, and was nothing short of a legend to his family.

Rod is survived by his wife, Jia Hui of Wilmot, SD; his sisters: Carolyn Hansen of Watertown, SD; and Judy Kozol of Colorado Springs, CO; nieces and nephew: Hannah (Jesse) Stenson of Lidgerwood, ND; Gerald (Kim) Swayze of Wilmot, SD; and Emily (Tyler) Hennagir of Wilmot, SD; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Huai Sen Dong and Xiaoli Wu of China.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Russell and Arlene Hansen; and beloved brother, Harlan Hansen.

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Rodney Hansen