



Kim Beckstrom

March 8, 1958 - March 31, 2023

My name is Kim Beckstrom, and after 65 years of life, I passed peacefully from the comfort of my home on March 31st, 2023. I was surrounded by my wife, children, and dogs. I battled metastatic colon cancer for 8 years and beat it every time. Even though I became terminal last fall, I was eager to try new treatments to extend my time and have more quality days.

On March 8th, 1958, I was born to Gerald and Jeannette. I had three younger brothers: Terry, Randy, and Bobby. As a youngster, I was too short to

reach the pedals of the tractor so my dad bolted blocks of wood to them. This began my love of farming. My family raised grain and livestock and started trucking and construction companies. I would later leave the farm to work for Waste Management as a regional manager and then started a waste hauling and tire recycling business. In the last 10 years, I helped my kids in their business adventures and sold Stein Seed. Cancer might have slowed me down, but it didn't stop my spirit for life. My wife and I used that time to follow our children's careers which allowed us to live near them in CO, SD, OK, and MN.

I graduated from North Sargent in 1976 and remained very close to my classmates to this day. I took ag business classes at NDSCS and NDSU. My uncle taught me to fish and hunt, a passion I passed down to my son, and had hoped to share with my grandson. I taught myself to trap during college as a way to pay for school.

In 1979, I married my high school sweetheart, Sharon (Decker). We were blessed with two children: Kelsey and Karson. While raising a family in Gwinner, I served on the City Council and Church Council and belonged to the Civic Club and GCDC. I was a lifelong member of the GA Lutheran Church. I enjoyed dancing, music, WE Fest, fishing, and country cruising. I was the do-it-yourselfer, problem solver, and anchor of our family. My family celebrated my 65th birthday with a large party this winter. I was looking forward to pontoon rides, sitting on the porch in the sun, watching the grass turn green, and for the arrival of my first grandchild in April but it wasn't meant to be.

I'm survived by my soulmate, Sharon; daughter, Kelsey (Brian) and son, Karson (Jasmine); mother, brothers, and Auston Creech, who has been like a son to me. I was preceded in death by my father, grandparents, in-laws, nephew and special dog, Dakota.

Thank you to Hospice RRV, Nurse Christina, Nathan at Forman Drug, Dahlstrom Funeral Home, and all of those who have helped us these last few months. We recognize everyone who touched our lives with their loving care.

Celebration of Life – Saturday, April 29th at GA Lutheran Church. Visitation 2 to 3 pm followed by a service at 3 pm. After the service, there will be a reception at the church and then everyone is invited to the Springs Golf Course for a gathering to continue to share memories. An online guestbook can be signed on his obituary page.