

## *Funeral Service*

Thursday, September 4, 2025

1:00 PM

Mount Olivet Church  
Huron, South Dakota

### *Officiant*

Rev. Bryan Pichura

### *Scripture Reader*

Aaron Myrick

### *Music*

Lynette Jungemann — Pianist

- Special Selection -

*Scars In Heaven*

by Casting Crowns

- Congregational Hymns -

*Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*

*His Glory And My Good*

### *Casket Bearers*

Casey Decker	Stacy Decker
Justin Decker	Isaiah Decker
Adam Keating	Blake Keating
Brandon Decker	Nicholas Gale

### *Interment*

Ideal Cemetery  
Huron, South Dakota

*He says, "Be still, and know  
that I am God;*

*I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."*

*The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Psalms 46:10-11*



## *In Loving Memory*



**Donavon R. Decker**

**February 19, 1963**

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**September 1, 2025**

**Kuhler**  
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**D**onavon Ray Decker was born February 19, 1963, in Huron, South Dakota to Delbert and Ruth Decker. He was number seven of eight children.

Donavon accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior during Bible Camp at the age of 12. Being equipped by the Holy Spirit, he handled many of his life difficulties with gratitude and grace and rarely let his diagnosis of Muscular Dystrophy as a teenager get him down but faced it all through his life with that Spirit-infused outlook and attitude.

Donavon graduated from Huron High School in 1981. He loved to hunt. He loved horses and owned race horses. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan and diehard Ohio State Buckeye fan. He had a passion for aviation and weather and was employed by US FAA, serving the Flight Service of Huron as an air traffic control specialist which was his dream job, and then worked for Lockheed Martin in the Flight Service of Princeton, Minnesota.

Donavon worked closely with the Muscular Dystrophy Association for many years, helping



with fundraising and lobbying in Washington, DC. As a pioneer in the research world, he was the first person to be injected with gene therapy for muscular dystrophy in 1999, with Dr. Jerry Mendell. He has been very active in the fight against muscular dystrophy, tirelessly advocating and steadfast in finding a cure.

He married the love of his life, Kirsten, on November 12, 2011. They began their life together in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and

then moved to Wichita, Kansas. Their Wichita church family was a priority to Donavon and Kirsten where they taught 4th/5th grade for seven years together. Their marriage was how marriage should be, they each thought they were the lucky one.



Donavon is survived by his wife, Kirsten, of Andover, KS; his stepson, Nicholas Gale of Wichita, KS; his siblings, Dennis (Maureen) Decker of Yale, SD, David Decker of Sioux Falls, SD, Melanie (Mark) Wipf of Huron, SD and June (David) Burney of Sioux Falls, SD; his uncle, Bud (Gail) Brock of Hitchcock, SD; his in-laws, Bruce Harms of Madison, SD, David Clark of WA, Sabrina (Ron) Nibbelink of Augusta, KS, Heather (Aaron) Myrick of McKinney, TX and Kent Ott of Mulvane, KS. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his father in 1987; his mother in 2024; his step-father, Curtis Weber in 2021; his sisters, Jolene Harms in 2023, Monica German in 2012 and Mary Clark in 2018; and his sister-in-law, Rebecca Ott in 2021.

