

Peter “Pete” Steve Burckhard

Peter Steve Burckhard unexpectedly passed away on October 27, 2022, at his Rapid City home due to medical complications at the age of 52.

Peter “Pete” was born to Frank and Karen Burckhard on August 29, 1970. He grew up in Bison, SD, on the Burckhard Family Farm helping his parents, playing with his three siblings, Paul, Heidi, and Angela, and developing a love for mechanics. He attended and graduated from Bison High School, his love for mechanics growing fonder as he grew older. From an early age, he loved tearing things apart, fascinated with how they worked. It wasn’t until later in life that he learned how to put them back together, hence his famous line “if the girls can’t find me handsome, they can at least find me handy.”

Pete moved to Rapid City to continue his education at Western Dakota Vo-tech as a mechanic. He made a home for himself and soon after had his first and only child, Michelle Jeffery “MJ” with Lori Jeffery-Railsback. He was a loving and caring friend, son, brother, father, uncle, and grandfather, never hesitating to give to others even if all he had was the shirt off his back. He enjoyed the simple things in life: listening to music, testing out new recipes, working on his various mechanical projects, camping, fishing, attending the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and photographing his life and the people he loved. But most importantly, he valued the quality time he spent with his friends and family.

Pete is survived by his daughter, MJ (Jedidia) Bullock; grandchildren, Lux, Bjorn, and Zenith; his mother, Karen Burckhard; brother, Paul Burckhard; sisters, Heidi (Brendan) Matthew, and Angela (Chad) Anderson; his nephews, Theran Anderson, and Layne (Maggie) Matthew; and niece, Jessica Matthew.

Pete is preceded in death by grandparents, Tony (Barbara) Burckhard, and Andrew (Lucille) Gaupseth, his father, Frank Burckhard, nephew, Tyler Anderson, and grandson, Quentin Houser.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Senior of the Week

Peter Steve Burckhard

Peter Steve Burckhard was born in Hettinger, ND on August 29, 1970. He is the son of Frank and Karen Burckhard of rural Bison, SD and has a brother, Paul, and two sisters, Heidi and Angie.

Pete feels that an outstanding feature of Bison High School is that “The teachers are willing to give help when a student asks for it.”

Pete spends every weekend working as a clerk in a store in Lemmon, SD. He has been employed there since July of 1990.

After graduation this spring, Pete plans to relocate and find fulltime work for a year or two, and would then like to attend Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD and major in Accounting and Business Management.



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Peter Steve Burckhard

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Born

August 29, 1970
Hettinger, North Dakota

Died

October 27, 2022
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Ryan Smith

Musical Selections

“Rescue” “Home Sweet Home” “Sweet Child of Mine”

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Final Resting Place

Bison Cemetery
Bison, South Dakota

*I know your life
On earth was troubled
And only you could know the pain
You weren't afraid to face the devil
You were no stranger to the rain*

*Go rest high on that mountain
Son your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shoutin'
Love for the father and the son*

- Vince Gill



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