



It was in 2010 or so, one of the busiest commodities markets we've had. Jake was a commodity broker at RJ OBrien in Sioux Falls, or possibly in Watertown. He called me after the close of trading on probably one of the busiest days we've ever had. He told me that he'd sent me an order and asked if I'd gotten it. I told him that there was no way that I'd remember or even have known if I'd executed it or even gotten it. I asked him what time the order went in and if the order was filled. He said it was filled and he gave me the time stamp on the order. He also gave me the other particulars about the order like what option it was, the quantity, and the price. I looked through the dupes that I filled and found the order. I confirmed the account number and we established that it was in fact the order he sent me. He said, "You'll never believe who that order was for!" He told me that it was for dad. I told him, "You'll never believe who I made the trade with!" It was my brother, Bill Henry, who stood about 6 feet from me in the pit. So, dad puts the order in with Jake, Jake sends the order to me in the pit, and I make the trade with Bill Henry. What are the odds of that happening!!!!!? From Chess







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In Loving Memory



Jacob Hans Obermeier June 8, 1970–Apríl 6, 2024 Jake Obermeier, age 53, of Crocker, died Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Jacob Hans Obermeier was born on June 8, 1970 to proud parents Carl "Fritz" and Marvine (Fromdahl) Obermeier. He attended school in Clark, graduating in 1988.

Growing up in the Crocker Hills on the family farm with 5 siblings and a slew of family and friends, there was never a dull moment. Jake learned to play solitaire at age 3. He was active in the FFA and played football. He attended SDSU and was involved in the now famous Hobo Days riot.

During the early 1990's, Jake was a broker at the Chicago Board Option Exchange and he also worked at the Chicago Board of Trade. He was held in high esteem by his peers and other traders. He was also known for his quick wit and keen understanding of the markets. Jake started working at Commodity Services, Inc. for owner Gary Lamb in Sioux Falls in August 1996. He then moved to the Watertown office until August of 2021. Gary Lamb says hiring Jake was a very easy decision as he had experience at the Chicago Board of Trade. He taught the rest of the brokers in the office from his experience in Chicago. Jake was very good with numbers and liked to manage farmer's livestock and grain risk. Jake always loved weighing up odds on any risk, not just agriculture, but sports. When referring to the CSI business, owner Gary Lamb always said "WE" because he says he couldn't have done it by himself. Gary made the decision to retire from CSI after Jake's last day working there. They worked together 25 years. Jake returned to the family farm to work with his brother Kipp and son James in August of 2021. Jake enjoyed all aspects of farm and ranch life, especially his 4020.

Announcing local football games on the radio, Jake found his niche, always doing a great job of enunciating his words and even make a blow out interesting. Some may remember Jake giving the market reports on 96.9. Jake often joked he had the perfect face for radio.

He took special interest in poker and pinball, frequently winning trips to Vegas to try his luck. Considered a pinball wizard, JKO were the initials he would leave in first place, and usually 2nd through 5th. Jake was an avid Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Wild fan!

Jake was active in Bradley softball playing for the Backroad Bobbers. Jake had a musical talent and enjoyed playing the harmonica, bass guitar, and keyboard.

Jake was a life long member of the Crocker Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He was active in the Crocker Men in Mission and enjoyed participating in the pancake and soup suppers.

Jake was preceded in death by his father Fritz, paternal grandparents Henry and Anna Obermeier, maternal grandparents Marvin and Ruth Fromdahl, niece Nichol Lotzer, great nephew Tucker Van Gilder, brother-in-law, Fred Van Gilder, various aunts and uncles, and godfather Harold Wookey

Jake is survived by his son, James Winston and his mother Lynnette Krueger, his mother Marvine, siblings Pam Van Gilder, Carla (Chas) Obermeier, Chess (Maureen) Obermeier, Kipp (Betty) Obermeier, and Bill Henry (Krystin) Obermeier, aunts Jean Obermeier and Wendy (Rod) Christman, various nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, cousins, and godmother Merna Wookey. A special place in his heart was held by Jessica, Brooke, and Justus Reidburn, his pinball buddy Hudson McGammon and his golden lab, Bud.





Celebrating the Life of Jake Obermeier



Funeral Service

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer Watertown, South Dakota Friday, April 19, 2024 2:00 PM

Officiant

Pastor Laura Overbo Scripture–Minister Marion Grimes

Ushers

Marshall Miller Fred Obermeier Dan Seurer Wade Schaack John Brown Tim Hallock Travis Hearnen Maxx Obermeier

Musíc

AJ Sherrill—Organist
Baylee Obermeier—Vocalist
Greg Anderson—Harmonica
"Abide With Me" - Congregational
"Amazing Grace" - Special Music by Baylee & Greg
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - Congregational

Casket Bearers

Gary Lamb Joe Caster Dave Peckham Paul Merkel Casey Wheeler Sean Helwig Jay Baldwin Curt Fjelland

James Obermeier
Chess Obermeier
Kevin Olson

Kipp Obermeier
Ted Obermeier
Greg Anderson

Bill Henry Obermeier
Hudson Steffen
Hudson McGammon

Interment

Minister Marion Grimes St. Thomas Cemetery—Crocker, South Dakota



The family of Jake Obermeier thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.

Following the funeral service, please join the family for lunch & to share fun memories at the Crocker Hills Bar and Grill, Crocker, SD.