

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malignant enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come unto Thee,
That with all Thy saints,
I may praise thee
Forever and ever.
Amen.

*Due to limited space at the cemetery, the family
prefers only the immediate family go to the cemetery.*

*Following the service, please go to the Bradley
Community Center for lunch & a time of fellowship.*

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

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In Loving Memory



Gary Bjerke

July 21, 1957 ~ September 22, 2019



Gary Bjerke passed away from the short illness of esophageal cancer on Sunday, September 22, 2019.

Gary Kenneth Bjerke was born July 21, 1957, in Webster, SD, to Oscar and Louise (Skavang) Bjerke of rural Bradley. He was baptized at Calvary Lutheran Church of Bradley, and confirmed at Crocker Lutheran Church of Crocker, SD. He graduated from Bradley High School in 1975. After high school he worked for Chef Reddy Foods in Clark for a short time before decid-

ing to work on the family dairy farm with his dad.

On May 8th, 1982, he married Cathy (Reppe) Bjerke at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Bristol, SD. They bought the farm he grew up with in 1987 and continued to live there until his death. To this union, two sons, Thomas and Tanner, were born. Due to not wanting to expand the dairy and wanting to spend more time with his sons, in the early spring of 1994, Gary got out of the business and rented out pasture and enrolled in CRP programs. That summer, Gary sprayed many dairy barns within a 100 mile radius for Orkin. On November 27, 1994, he began work with Persona in Watertown, SD, for 12 years. Getting tired of the long commute, he began work for Clark Veterinary Service in October 2006, working cattle and delivering feed to farms for nine years. Taking an interest in an art of taxidermy, in the spring of 2004 he attended the Missoula School of Taxidermy at Thompson Falls, MT, for two months. His highlight there was harvesting a black bear in the Kootenai National Forest and living at Trout Creek near the mountains. They renovated the milk room on the farm and opened Spring Valley Taxidermy for a part-time hobby. Gary thoroughly loved coaching his boys and nephews in the Bradley and Conde Little League and always attended their son's school activities. Devastation hit on February 26, 2011, when his oldest son Thomas passed away, leaving a forever void of sadness in his heart.



his family, faith, and visiting (mainly listening). He thoroughly enjoyed his Labrador companions, Champ, Gauge, Bjerk, our wildlife farm where he hunted many



pheasants with friends and hunted deer and geese with family. Gary never saw the need to travel as "we have everything right here."

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Cathy of Bradley, SD; and son Tanner; his sister Kathy (Laird) Larson and her children Shane, Heidi, and Sara (Adam) Brosz; his sister Janet (Tony) Fromdahl and daughter Amanda; and several in-laws, nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents George and Ragna Bjerke and Knute and Inga Skavang; parents Oscar and Louise Bjerke; son Thomas Bjerke, as well as his father- and mother-in-law Lyle and Donna Reppe and his sister-in-law Lorie Obermeier.



Services from
Crocker Lutheran Church
Crocker, South Dakota
Friday, September 27, 2019
11:00 AM



Officiant

Minister Marion Grimes

Music

Marvine Obermeier—Organist

Congregational Singing—"Here I Am Lord"

Amanda Fromdahl, Soloist—"Amazing Grace"

Dave and Carol Finstad and Susan Olson, Trio—"The Old Rugged Cross" and "One Day at a Time"

Casketbearers

Shane Larson, Heidi Larson, Sara Brosz,
Alex Reppe, Amanda Fromdahl, Matt Lenzen

Honorary Bearers

All Other Nieces & Nephews
Co-workers from Meier Farms

Private Family Interment

St. Thomas Cemetery
Crocker, South Dakota