

Chad Leo Fernholz

Born to Larry Fernholz & Niece Koss

June 22, 1976

Huron, South Dakota

Returned to His Heavenly Father

August 20th, 2025

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Funeral Service

11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 27, 2025

First Lutheran Church

Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Cindy Gardner

Eulogist

Josie Fernholz

Reader

Josie Fernholz

Pallbearers

Bronc LaDue

Scott Gant

Clint Lawrence

Jeremiah LaDue

Honorary Pallbearers

James Zimmerman

Tanner Conlin

Steven Fernholz

Spencer Fernholz

Music

"The Dance" ~ "Borning Cry"

"Daddy's Hands" & "Amazing Grace"

Meriel Lora ~ Musician

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

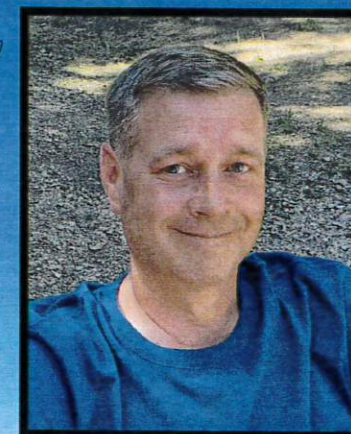
Williston, North Dakota

In Loving Memory Of

Chad Fernholz

June 22, 1976

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The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my *soul.*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

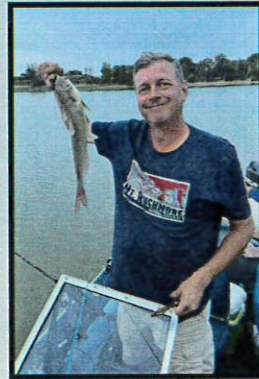
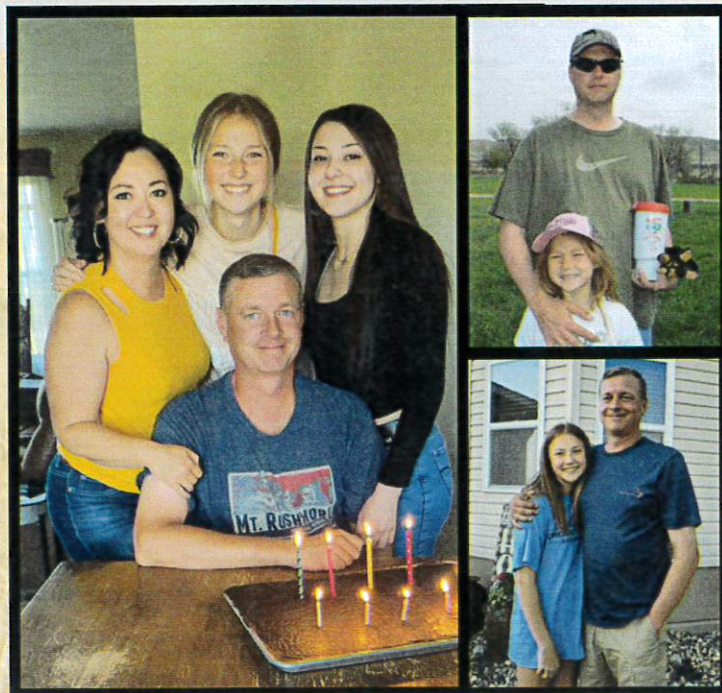
And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD

forever.

- Psalm 23

Son *Soulmate* *Father*



Chad Leo was born on June 22, 1976 in Huron, SD to Larry Fernholz and Niece Koss. He is the 2nd oldest of 4 boys; Kelly, Brad, and Danny. He was probably the biggest trouble maker. Chad grew up on the farm in Wessington, SD helping out and causing mischief. There was a farming accident that he recovered from, losing half his thumb. He had the best thumb trick to show his nieces and nephews.

Chad graduated from Wessington, SD.

Went to college and worked with his Uncle Tom at Schiltz Manufacturing. He then worked in jewelry at Zales, Roger's, and Greenbergs.

On September 3, 2005, Chad married Jenny in Fargo, ND. He got his bonus daughter, Delanie. Josie Leo was born February 2006. They lived in Harrisburg, SD and then in 2011 Chad and Jenny moved to Buford, ND.

In Williston, Chad worked at Concord, TSC, Northern Valley Electric, and Dakota Supply Group. At each of his jobs, he made great friends and played many practical jokes. Chad loved fireworks and would buy as many as he could and would shoot them for days with his nephews. He taught them how to light them with "secrets". October was his favorite month and would watch scary movies every night.

Chad's greatest joy was his family and friends. He loved his daughters and wife and would never tell them no. Whether it was puppies, cats, chickens, or Amazon, he always said yes. Whenever he could, he would get his nephews and nieces to hang out with him. Whether it was to play video games when they were grounded, corn hole for hours, road hunting for pheasants, or playing golf that needed a helmet, he loved them all. Chad had the patience of a saint and loved playing games. He lived for fun.

When he went home, many hours were spent with his dad, Larry and nephew, Steven. He loved playing pinochle for hours, driving around the county lines, and laughing over stories of old.

Delanie and Josie were the highlight of his life! He loved Delanie and helped her move every year, in rain, sleet, and snow. She knew she could count on him to always be there. She gave him the gift of Jade and he loved being her papa.

Josie, was his buddy for adventure. Many Sundays, he would teach her to drive by going to Smokeys in Bainville, MT. They'd get mini tacos and drummies at the gas station.

They spent a lot of time gopher hunting, fishing, and playing Call of Duty. He was so proud of her.

Chad was Jenny's best friend and soul mate. Before they were ever married, they counted on each other. One of the things they enjoyed was their weekly date nights and the casino. He is her greatest love and no one could replace him.

Chad is preceded in death by his dad, Larry; brothers, Brad and Danny. He is survived by Jenny; his daughters, Delanie (granddaughter Jade), and Josie; mom, Niece; step- mom, Cindy; brother, Kelly (Shawn); father-in-law, Jerry (Susan), Sara (Jeffrey), James (Audie), Siera (Zeck), Jessa (Tanner), Seth (Destiny), Kim; and his many nephews and nieces.

Chad was loved by many and loved his family and friends. He will be missed.

