



***When I'm Gone***

When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the smile.  
Forget unkind words I have spoken  
Remember some good I have done  
Forget that I ever had heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun.  
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way  
Remember I have fought some hard battles,  
and won, ere the close of the day.  
Then forget to grieve for my going  
I would not have you sad for a day  
But in summer just gather some flowers  
And remember the place where I lay.  
And come in the shade of evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And remember only my best.

-Mrs. Lyman Hancock

In Loving Memory  
***Kim David Brokaw***

**Date of Birth**  
July 15, 1954

**Date of Death**  
January 4, 2024

**Funeral Service**

11:00 A.M. Saturday, January 13, 2024  
**Presbyterian United Methodist Church**  
Ellendale, North Dakota

**Officiating:** Rev. Mark H. Ford

**Pianist:** Sharon Langley

**Soloist:** Layna Gramlow  
"Amazing Grace"

"Jealous of the Angels"

**Special Music By:** The Grass Roots  
"Let's Live for Today"

**Casket Bearers**

Tim Beckius  
Ryan Brokaw  
Cole Hokana

Jared Stadlman  
Mike Prochnow  
Peter Kronberg

Jason "Jake" Rall  
Nolan Hamar

**Honorary Casket Bearers**

Landon & Louis Schmidt  
Keegan & Kash King  
Kim's Nieces and Nephews

**Burial**

Christ Lutheran (Albion) Cemetery  
Rural Ellendale, North Dakota

**Arrangements by**  
Hoven Funeral Chapel  
Ellendale, North Dakota

*Photography by Dan Koeck*

**Kim David Brokaw**, 69, of Ellendale, ND passed away January 4, 2024. Kim was born to Jim & Joanne (Ladd) Brokaw on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1954 in Aberdeen, SD. He attended school in Forbes, ND along with his 8 brothers and sisters. As a brother and classmate, Kim learned leadership through his involvement with the 4H clubs, Young Citizens League, basketball, baseball, school plays, and debate. He graduated in the top ten of his class of 1972. Kim attended UND Lake Region in Devils Lake, ND for a year and studied welding. He moved back to the family farm in the hills and continued to ranch with his parents for many years. In the summer of 1973 he met the girl he was gonna marry at the Maud Evan Saddle Club dance in Forbes, ND. The next day he brought his dad into the bowling alley to meet her. Kim married Cheryl Cae Zinter November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1974. They quickly started the family way and were blessed with three beautiful babies. Bradley David, Lori Renee and Kelly Kim born on her dad's birthday. Kim & Cheryl lived up in the hills by Wirch, ND until 1989 when they moved down to the Merkel house. Kim worked long days and nights ranching, farming for his animals, and custom haying. He was very active teaching his kids horseback riding and hauling them to horse shows. When they weren't in school, he made sure they knew what it took to run a ranch and help out neighbors and family when they called. Kim's favorite hobbies involved his animals, bowling, golfing, fishing, hunting, poker and starting intense discussions then sitting back and watching the fireworks. His memory was impeccable and proved proficient in making new friends and finding how he knew them or someone they knew, no matter where he went. His favorite chapter of his life began with his new title "Grandpa". His grandchildren were the prides and joys of his life. He loved talking about them, teasing them, watching them play sports, and showing them his love of ranching and farming. Kim flirted with death many times in his life; the running joke was that he was on his third cat if each cat truly had nine lives. Despite how hard he lived his life, he kept busy these last years working on the Hokana Ranch and with many other farmers/ranchers in the area. He always worried if Cheryl knew how much he loved her, she took care of him for so many years and he was pretty proud and happy to be able to return the favor this last fall. He went out Wednesday after having another great night of bowling. Kim exited this life and was welcomed to his eternity with a hug from his son Brad, father Jim, sister in-law Marsha (Zinter) Beckius and in-laws Verland & Nadine (Jury) Zinter. Those left to miss him are his wife Cheryl, children Lori (Chris) King of Galena, OH, Kelly (Jim) Schmidt of Ellendale, ND, mom Joanne Brokaw of Forbes, ND, siblings Greg Brokaw, Kevin (Jackie) Brokaw, Kay (Keith) Kronberg, Lois Baer, Mary Jo (Norm) Fries, Carol (Doug) Kindelspire, Lynn (Tom Samson) Brokaw and Lloyd (Mark Ford) Brokaw. Grandchildren Landon & Louis Schmidt of Ellendale, ND and Keegan & Kash King of Galena, OH. Along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family  
for memorials to be determined at a later date.  
Kim Brokaw Family ~ PO Box 571 ~ Ellendale, ND 58436*

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***1954 - 2024***