

Jans Gustav Melby



Jans Gustav Melby was born November 29, 1963, in Fargo, ND, to Peter and Carole Melby. In his early years, the family lived in Minnesota where Jans enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, and living life to its fullest. The Melby family moved to Pierre, SD, in 1976 where Jans graduated from Riggs High School in 1982. Jans' teen years were filled with time spent on motorcycles and jet skis.

Jans spent his working years trucking, and worked for Eddie's Truck Service, Cross Country, and most recently for the Coeur Wharf Mine in Lead, SD.

Jans had a passion for snowmobiling and worked part-time grooming trails for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. He kept an apartment out at Trailhead Lodge so that he had easy access to his snowmobiling passion, and he made many friends who shared this pastime. An extraordinary friend to many, Jans was an example to all in the way that he loved people and always stepped up to do the right thing for those in need.

Jans finished a life well lived on June 12, 2017, at Hospice of the Hills in Rapid City, SD.

While Jans never married or had a family, he had a myriad of friends who loved him like family. Jans is survived by his younger brother, Kyle, sister-in-law, Lisa, nephew, Jayce, and niece, Jaxin, all of Loveland, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the South Dakota Snowmobile Association, Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers, PO Box 206, Gary, SD 57237, (605) 272-5900.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Jans Gustav Melby

1963 ~ 2017

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service at Kinkade Funeral Chapel. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you
see.

I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.



In Loving Memory Of **Jans Gustav Melby**

Born

November 29, 1963
Fargo, North Dakota

Died

June 12, 2017
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Sunday, June 18, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Kris Garlick

Musical Selections

“10,000 Reasons” “Bless The Lord Oh My Soul”
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
“How He Loves”

Inurnment

At A Later Date
Riverside Cemetery
Pierre, South Dakota