

Luke James Kleinlein, 23, of Gettysburg and formerly of Brookings, passed away Sunday, July 24, 2016 at the Avera Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg, SD, following a vehicular accident.

Luke James Kleinlein was born May 10, 1993 in Mitchell, SD; the son of Randy and Jolene (Larson) Kleinlein. He attended Brookings schools and graduated from Brookings High School in 2011, where he was a member of the football team. He graduated from Southeast Technical Institute with an Associate's degree in Law Enforcement Science.

Luke was proud to serve as part of the Gettysburg Police Department and always wore his uniform with integrity and respect. Prior to that, Luke served as a park ranger for the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks and served as a dispatcher for the Mobridge, SD Police Department.

Growing up, he was active in the 4-H Shooting Sports program, attaining national recognition, and participated in TaeKwonDo, attaining his adult black belt. Luke was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, and ride his motorcycle. Luke was also a dedicated family man. He loved to spend time with family and hang out with friends.

Luke is survived by his parents: Randy of Brookings, SD and Jolene of Aberdeen, SD; sister, Kaia of Sioux Falls, SD; paternal grandparents, James Kleinlein of Huron, SD and Arlene Wagner of Sioux City, IA; several uncles and cousins plus many of his fellow officers.

Luke was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Bud and Joyce Larson of Clark, SD, and fellow fallen officers.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that you consider donations to the Southeast Technical Institute Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship Fund that will be set up by the family in memory of Luke.

*In Loving Memory Of*

# *Luke J. Kleinlein*

May 10, 1993  
Mitchell, South Dakota

July 24, 2016  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**GETTYSBURG SERVICE:** 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 2016  
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Jeff Adel

**CASKETBEARERS:** Gavin Wright, Darrell O'Connor, Mark Kessler, Curt Hamburger, Mike Varilek, Alan McClain

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:** All Law Enforcement Personnel

**USHER:** Sandy Stiegelmeier

**PIANIST:** Gail Larson

**SOLOIST:** Lynell Jessen

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**BROOKINGS SERVICE:** 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 29, 2016  
Ascension Lutheran Church ~ Brookings, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Michael Mortvedt

**CASKETBEARERS:** Ethan Hicks, Heather Kroontje, Gavin Wright, Darrell O'Connor, Brady Eichhorn, Mitch Jensen

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:** All Law Enforcement Personnel

**ORGANIST:** Joan Riessen

**SOLOIST:** Ann Spitzenberger

**INURNMENT:**  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Clark, South Dakota

*A Police Officer's Prayer*

Oh Lord, while I'm on my beat  
May I know that you're with me,  
And protect me as I go to guard  
Other's lives and property.

Help me ignore those who scorn  
And show me no respect,  
But be mindful of all citizens  
I've sworn to protect.

Be with my fellow officers  
And guard their safety too.  
May I always put duty first  
In the work that I must do.

May I not disgrace the uniform  
But bring pride to the badge I wear.  
That I'd be a good policeman, Lord  
Would be my only prayer.

Amen



*Matthew 5:9*  
*Blessed are the*  
*peacemakers,*  
*For they will be*  
*called children*  
*of God.*

*Luke Kleinlein*

*1993 - 2016*

