

**Matthew Wayne Collins** was born May 19, 1971, in Denver, CO to Jim and Janice (Hummel) Collins. At a young age the family moved to Viborg, SD, where Matt received his education from Viborg High School, graduating in 1990.

He moved to Belle Fourche where he made his home until marrying Melissa Hunnel at Belle Fourche, SD on November 13, 2004. They moved to Hoven where they raised their three children: Christian, Gabriella, and Kendall.

Matt loved the agricultural way of life working for area elevators where he drove truck and made lifelong friends. He truly never met a stranger and was always up for a good cup of coffee, conversation, some laughs, or a game of farm simulator. He and the family enjoyed trips back home to enjoy Danish Days, a summer vacation or time out fishing. And Matt never failed to miss his yearly Sturgis Rally trip with friends.

Matt's life will forever be cherished by his wife, Melissa; children: Christian, Gabriella, and Kendall, all of Hoven; mother, Janice Sampson, Sturgis; stepfather, Harris Sampson, Viborg; brothers: Shawn (Stacy) Collins, Belle Fourche and Sam Collins, Sturgis; sister, Angela Kell, Boise, ID; and aunt and uncle, Marly and Judy Gerdes, Hurley, SD.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Collins; grandparents: Sam and Esther Collins and Gordon and Margaret Hummel; mother-in-law, Stephanie Hartung; and cousin, Jody Endres.



*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

**Matthew W. Collins**

**May 19, 1971 - March 28, 2024**

*Loving . Honor Memory*  
**Matthew Wayne Collins**

May 19, 1971  
Denver, CO

March 28, 2024  
Roscoe, SD

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be **ALWAYS**  
at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
*And until*  
*we meet again,*  
May **GOD** hold you in the  
palm of His *hand.*

**PRAYER SERVICE**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Jeff Adel

**URN BEARER**

Shawn Collins

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

*"Amazing Grace"*  
*"How Great Thou Art"*

*Memories*

Arrangements Entrusted to Luce Funeral Home  
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