

Celebrating the Life of

GARY A. BATES, JR.

February 15, 1965 - July 1, 2026



MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2026
First United Methodist Church
Miller, South Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Allison Galbreath

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“The Old Rugged Cross”
“Hymn of Promise”
“Spirit Song”

PIANIST

Collin Otteson

*The family warmly invites you for refreshments and
continued fellowship following the service.*

Gary Bates, Jr., 61, of Miller, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at the Huron Regional Medical Center in Huron.

Gary was born on February 15, 1965, in Miller, South Dakota, to Gary, Sr. and Barb (Hanks) Bates. He attended school in Miller and graduated from Miller High School in 1983. Throughout his life, Gary worked in a variety of occupations, including construction, Coral Lanes, and a local hardware store.

In his free time, Gary enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, and hunting pheasants and grouse. He will be remembered for his love of the outdoors and the many friendships he made throughout his life.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Megan (Jason) Weber; grandchildren: Kingston, Kiya, and Sophia; mom, Barb; sister, Bridgett (Charles) Augspurger and their five children: Austin (Amanda), Andrew, Jack (Brooke), Nelson (Molly), and Grant; brother, Jamie (Autumn) and their three children: Elise, Cruz, and Max; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary, Sr., on April 5, 2026.



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