

THE FAMILY CHAIN

If Love could have saved you –
You would not have died.
If tears could bring you back
You'd be by our side.

It broke our heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

God takes us one by one
And breaks the family chain.
But somewhere in a better land
Our chain will link again.

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Celebrating
A LIFE

**John Franklin
"Jack" Wilhelm**

May 5, 1950 - March 4, 2025

John “Jack” Wilhelm, 74, of Rockham, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

John Franklin “Jack” Wilhelm was born on May 5, 1950, in Faulkton, SD, to Clayton and Altha (Schilter) Wilhelm. He attended Faulk County Centerville Country School through the eighth grade and graduated from Faulkton High School in 1968. Jack then attended Dakota Wesleyan College in Mitchell for one year.

While living in Mitchell, he met the love of his life, Rita Mae Jockheck. The two were married on May 15, 1971, and made their home near Rockham. Jack dedicated his life to raising cattle and farming. When not tending to the land, he spent time bartending at the VFW, Short Stop, and The Steak Out. He also showcased his talent as “Wolf Man Jack,” stepping in as a DJ on occasion.

Jack had a deep love for his family, friends, and good conversations. He spent many years welcoming hunters to the area, sharing his passion for the outdoors, great food, and unforgettable hunting stories. Jack was proud to start Pheasants for Faulk County and was an integral piece of preserving wildlife for several years. He was well known for hosting an oyster feed at every Hansen’s Christmas party and at gatherings on the farm.

Becoming a grandparent was one of Jack’s greatest joys. He cherished the moment Emma shot her first deer and took great pride in traveling to watch “Little Jack” play football. These memories were among his most treasured. When he wasn’t out exploring the countryside, Jack was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, the Miranda Township Board, and the Miranda Cemetery Board. He was also a proud supporter of Faulkton athletics, as well as an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings—at least at the start of their seasons—along with the SDSU Jackrabbits and Northern State Wolves.

Jack’s life and legacy will be cherished by his wife, Rita; his children, Penny (AJ) Coster of Sioux Falls, Matthew of Rapid City, and Jason of Miller; his grandchildren, Remington Coster and Ruby, Emma, and Jack Wilhelm; his great-grandchildren, Amarah and Josiah Wilhelm; his sister-in-law, Pat Wilhelm of Sioux Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather Glenn Stammer, and his siblings, Rolland Wilhelm and June Anderson.

Prayer Service

7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 2025

United Church of Faulkton

Faulkton, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

10:30 a.m., Monday, March 10, 2025

United Church of Faulkton

Faulkton, South Dakota

Minister: Pastor Shawn Stoll

Casketbearers:

Clay Wilhelm - Ryan Wilhelm - Craig Mutsch

Kevin Mutsch - Joe Otter - Landon McCloud

Honorary Casketbearers:

Remington Coster - Ruby Wilhelm - Emma Wilhelm

Jack Wilhelm - Amarah Wilhelm - Josiah Wilhelm

Ushers: Jerry Fischer & Alan Hadrick

Vocalist: Chris Hammond

"Family Bible"

"Daddy's Hands"

"Go Rest High on that Mountain"

Burial:

Miranda Cemetery

Miranda, South Dakota

*The family warmly invites everyone to join them for
a lunch and continued fellowship immediately
following the funeral service.*