



Basil Milbradt

October 14, 1956 - June 23, 2025

The Celebration of Life open house for Basil Milbradt, of Sebeka, will begin at noon on Friday, October 3, at the Tim and Rita Nolte Livestock Farm, 26914 181st Ave, Sebeka, MN. Food will be served until 2:00p.m. with visiting to follow. Family and friends are invited to wear deer hunting camo and may gather on Thursday, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Followed by a prayer service led by Pastor Stephen Meltzer. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery in North Germany Township, MN.

“ And he dreamed and behold a ladder set up on the earth; and the top of it reached to Heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.” Genesis 28:12

Angels guided Basil Corey Milbradt to his Heavenly home above on June 23, 2025. He left unexpectedly and peacefully from his childhood country farm home in Rockwood Township, Sebeka, MN. God knew Basil had suffered bravely through a long battle with colon cancer. Basil heard our Lord call and took His hand, following the path prepared for eternal life.

Basil was born to Julius and LaVerne (Redetzke) Milbradt of Sebeka, MN, on October 14, 1956, in Wadena. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church, North Germany Township and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka. He was a 1974 graduate of Sebeka High School and attended Wadena

Technical Institute to earn a degree as a Parts Technician. Basil's strong interest in the operation of agricultural equipment led him to employment in Fargo, ND, and then back to his home in Sebeka, MN. Basil's superior skills as a certified welder led him to a position with Homecrest Industries in Wadena. He was also employed by Peterson-Biddick in Wadena and later as an extensive farm equipment mechanic technician with Nolte Livestock Farm near Sebeka .

With a strong connection to the farm, Basil furthered his interest in raising registered beef cattle. His joy was walking out to the herd to receive warm "licks of love" from his cattle and frolicking calves. Basil's herd was featured on the cover of the MN Beef Producers publication and was proud to receive the MN Cattlemen's Association trophy. By observing his father, care of the land continued in Basil's management of grass plots, water conservation and planting of trees. He always enjoyed being by his mom's side in her huge garden which created his love of spring planting one seed packet at a time. The seasons warmed his heart as spring returned to nearby Hay Creek that overflowed its banks as geese and ducks flew back to nest. Basil never missed the opportunity to take walks down to the creek and check on the sucker and Northern fish populations. The expanded farmland led to the long awaited season of deer hunting. He shared the land with his closest family and friends as they all enjoyed jokes, stories, laughing and sharing homemade food.

With his kind, generous, and soft-spoken loving personality, Basil will forever be remembered. He will be missed by his extended family and all who called him friend. He was noted for his strong farewell hug and words, "I love you, man!"

Surviving Basil are his siblings, Rosalie Schmith and Ryan (Kerryann) Milbradt; nephews and niece: Travis, Brandon, and Brook Schmith, Jeramie,

Taylor (Selina) and Tyler (Sadie) Milbradt; great-nephews and nieces: Amanda, Merissa, and Kassandra Schmith, Emerson Reichensperger, Reese, Wren and Dagny Weber, Easton, Josie, Sophia, Athena and Leo Milbradt; special family member, Travis Weber; along with aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of friends.

Preceding Basil in death were his parents Julius and LaVerne; brothers, Verlin, Stacy and "Tiny" Lee Milbradt; brother-in-law, Bill Schmith; and soulmate, Connie Hepokoski.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12 KJV

Cemetery Details

North Germany Cemetery

Wadena County, MN

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Celebration of Life Open House

OCT 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

Nolte Residence
26914 181st Ave.
Sebeka, MN 56477

Use Nolte Livestock Farm driveway.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ I went to school with Basil. My condolences to the family. Heaven gained another angel.

Joyce Brasel Tappe - July 06, 2025 at 08:12 PM

BL

“ Thinking of all the fun times we had back with the class of "74". RIP Basil.

Betty Borg Lapinoja - July 03, 2025 at 12:29 PM

GE

“ Greg and Mary Erickson lit a candle in memory of Basil Milbradt



Greg and Mary Erickson - July 02, 2025 at 06:29 AM

BQ

“ I went to school (K-12) with Basil. Always kind & friendly to everyone. My condolences & Prayers to his family during this difficult time.



Berta Quasnick - June 30, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DA

“ *Darrell & Deb Anderson lit a candle in memory of Basil Milbradt*



Darrell & Deb Anderson - June 30, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SK

“ *Sincere condolences to Basil's family. Sorry for your loss. Steve and Judy (White) Kramer*



Steve & Judy (White) Kramer - June 30, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JH

“ *Classmate of Basil from 1974. My condolences to the family.*

Jeanne Fischer Hanson - June 28, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ *Renae Olson lit a candle in memory of Basil Milbradt*



Renae Olson - June 28, 2025 at 10:06 AM

JE

“ Catching fish in Hay Creek with our bare hands, tinkering with our pedal bikes, Hot rodding around with his 1950's Chev. Throwing darts at his dartboard and Baseball, Baseball, Baseball! Basil taught me SO much about it. That came directly from his Dad, Jule whom I had great respect. Base I'll always remember your fun loving smile. Rest in Peace, my friend. Last time we spoke you said “Man, I love ya” .. Base that's right back at ya! You shaped my childhood and you will be forever remembered..

Joel Erickson - June 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM

BC

Basil was a class mate in 1974. He was quiet for the most part growing up. Somehow Basil and I struck it off. He was a funny guy with a sense of humor. I will miss you Basil. RIP my friend.
Brad Cardini

Brad Cardini - June 30, 2025 at 02:17 AM

LH

Basil my friend I will never forget you ... always in my heart ... you were a true friend, so kind, so caring and always had that smile that lit up the room. So many memories that I will forever hold close to my heart...rip love you big guy... Lori Hotakainen Huff

Lori Huff - July 05, 2025 at 07:50 AM

JE

Rest in peace Base great friend and cousin

jon Eitel - September 26, 2025 at 09:26 AM

CN

Basil my big brother ❤️ always looking out for me, always there when I needed him. Bail would do anything for me and did! His heart pure and genuine. A quiet soul but always had your back. Forever in my heart love your little sister, Chrissy.

Christine Nordquist - September 26, 2025 at 09:51 AM

ML

“ *Michael Lillquist lit a candle in memory of Basil Milbradt*



Michael Lillquist - June 26, 2025 at 04:50 PM

CF

“ *Char Fischer lit a candle in memory of Basil Milbradt*



char Fischer - June 26, 2025 at 06:30 AM

DS

“ *Basil was a soft spoken and kind 1974 Sebeka classmate. He was a friend to all of us. Deepest sympathy to the family.*

Douglas Schwartz - June 25, 2025 at 10:41 PM

BB

“ *Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Basil Milbradt*



Barb Brown - June 25, 2025 at 05:22 PM

LS

“ Basil was a great guy. We had so much fun working together on the turkey farms. I always will remember and laugh a little when thinking of his Sargent Shultz impersonation ... I know nothing, I know nothing.

Les Strommen - June 25, 2025 at 11:43 AM

JE

Les, I just remembered the Sargent Shultz impersonation. Thanks! Basil could do it like no one else! I can see him, eyes wide with that empty look and slight grin, saying. "I know nothings"

Joel Erickson - June 27, 2025 at 06:10 PM