



## James McKnight

April 12, 1982 - February 3, 2014

The funeral service for James McKnight of Bertha, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the New Life Church of God in Bertha, with Pastor J.C. Duncan officiating. Friends may call on Friday at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha from 4:00-8:00p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service. James passed away unexpectedly at the age of 31, on February 3, 2014.

James was born to Mike McKnight and Marlene (Ahlers) Calhoun on April 12, 1982, in Parkers Prairie, MN. As a youngster he always liked playing outside with tractors. He attended school in Eagle Valley, Wadena, Battle Lake and Henning, MN, along with West Side Academy in Wenatchee, WA. He attained his GED at MState College in Wadena. James enjoyed anything outdoors, working on his '67 Chevy Impala and helping his friends work on their vehicles, truck-pulls, farming, riding his new blue motorcycle and having a good time. He loved spending time with his kids, family and friends. He was well liked and kind. His last act of helping others was to give the gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

James was united in marriage with Hope Cronquist on June 2, 2012, at Bertha.

James was preceded in death by his grandparents Jim & Margaret McKnight,

Bernard Ahlers, Sr; cousins Tasha Ahlers and Promise Ashley.

He is survived by his wife Hope; children Jasmine of Yakima, WA, Liberty & Callin of Verndale, and Wyatt & Lane of Bertha; mother Marlene (Larry) Calhoun of Wadena; father Mike of Benson; sister Michelle McKnight and brother Tim McKnight both of Wadena; step-brothers Rob (Mary) Calhoun of Sauk Rapids, Michael Calhoun of Hypoluxo, FL, Chris (Heather) Calhoun of Sartell; grandmother Irene Ahlers; nieces Adrienne Mason, Brenna, Caitlyn & Megan McKnight and Courtney Calhoun; nephews Cody Mason, Jayden Cornell, and Jacob McKnight; great-nephew Anthony; aunts Donna (Jim) Petersen, Gloria (Dean) Templin, Nancy Ahlers, Debby (Gary) Ryan; uncles Bernie (Lisa) Ahlers Jr, Leroy (Joyce) Ahlers, Jesse Ahlers, Bob McKnight and Harold McKnight; along with numerous relatives and many friends.

James is also survived by father-in-law and mother-in-law Duane & Connie Cronquist of Bertha; brother-in-law D.J. Cronquist of Bertha; along with sister-in-law Ashley Cronquist of Green Bay, WI.

Honorary pallbearers will be all of James' cousins and the Bertha Fire Department Members. Serving as pallbearers will be Ryan Tichy, Peter Graphenteen, Lee Horseman, Darrin Eggert, Nick French and Ryan Campbell.

Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery near Bertha, MN.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel  
309 2nd Avenue NW  
Bertha, MN 56437  
(218) 924-4000

## Visitation

FEB 8. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church of God  
401 Main St. - West  
Bertha, MN 56437

## Service

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church of God  
401 Main St. - West  
Bertha, MN 56437

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James McKnight*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WY

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**wyatt** - October 24, 2025 at 09:40 AM

WY

“ *he is mydady*



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**wyatt** - April 25, 2025 at 10:55 AM

WY

“ *wyatt.james.mcknight lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**wyatt.james.mcknight** - March 27, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Christopher Rockefeller lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Christopher Rockefeller** - July 11, 2016 at 10:51 AM

CA

“ *I miss you like crazy.. you were so much fun. I remember when mom and dad had you babysit us and they told us no pop, no jumping off the trampoline, and no King Of The Hill. The first thing we did was have a contest of who could jump off the trampoline and land the farthest away, then we had a Pepsi and went into the house to relax and watch King Of The Hill. I will always remember that, those times pullin and just hanging out in the garage, garage parties and watching you act weird after you put a few in you. Suicide wasn't the answer but I'm going do my best to make the message heard and your story will help me get there. I will make sure to let those boys know how much fun their daddy was. Forever in my heart, RIP Uncle James!*

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**Caitlyn** - February 24, 2014 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ We are very sadden to hear this news .  
James was a great guy will be missed by so  
many people. Dan & Audrey Hansen Wadena  
, Mn



Dan Hansen - February 09, 2014 at 03:59 PM

AW

“ Angella Warring lit a candle in memory of  
James McKnight



angella warring - February 07, 2014 at 09:51 PM

JH

“ Jose Hidalgo lit a candle in memory of James  
McKnight



jose hidalgo - February 07, 2014 at 04:52 PM

AA

“ Andrea Ahrendt lit a candle in memory of  
James McKnight



andrea ahrendt - February 07, 2014 at 01:08 PM

LJ

“ *Leeann R Johnson lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Leeann R Johnson** - February 07, 2014 at 06:53 AM

RM

“ *Rusty Moore lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Rusty Moore** - February 06, 2014 at 11:02 PM

RU

“ *Rusty lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**rusty** - February 06, 2014 at 11:01 PM



“ *Kelly Fletcher lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Kelly Fletcher** - February 06, 2014 at 09:16 PM

AB

“ Alicia Bowman lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Alicia Bowman - February 06, 2014 at 07:31 PM

MS

“ Mike Stokes lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Mike Stokes - February 06, 2014 at 06:29 PM

MB

“ Marissa Bounds lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



marissa bounds - February 06, 2014 at 03:47 PM

SS

“ Sandy & Ray South lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



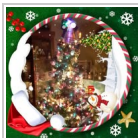
Sandy & Ray South - February 06, 2014 at 01:55 PM

BM

“ *Bill & Anji Mousseau lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



Bill & Anji Mousseau - February 06, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ *Brigitte Mettler lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



Brigitte Mettler - February 06, 2014 at 10:38 AM

BM

“ *James you were one of a Kind .I Loved you Like a Son AND I STILL IOVE YOU. I WILL MISS YOU, ESPECIALLY YOUR SMILE and WONDERING WHAT YOU ARE UP TO. I KNOW YOU LOVED YOUR KIDS ALOT & THEY LOVED YOU. RIP JAMES, WE WILL MISS YOU.*

BRIGITTE &TOM METTLER - February 06, 2014 at 10:36 AM

JM

“ *Julie Mrnak lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



Julie Mrnak - February 06, 2014 at 10:22 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koenig lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**linda koenig** - February 06, 2014 at 10:08 AM

BH

“ *Ben, Jenny, Dakota And Kenzie Harnack lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Ben, Jenny, Dakota and Kenzie Harnack** - February 06, 2014 at 09:53 AM

 Amber Schul

“ *Amber Schul lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Amber Schul** - February 06, 2014 at 09:51 AM

PP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Penny Spear Phegley** - February 06, 2014 at 09:10 AM

MK

“ Mike & Rhonda Kleinke lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Mike & Rhonda Kleinke - February 05, 2014 at 09:55 PM

CW

“ Cheri Westin-Swenson lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Cheri Westin-Swenson - February 05, 2014 at 09:43 PM

DG

“ Dwayne Sturges Cindy Green lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Dwayne Sturges Cindy Green - February 05, 2014 at 09:36 PM

KK

“ Kari Kill lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Kari Kill - February 05, 2014 at 09:22 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Shaw lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**cindy shaw** - February 05, 2014 at 08:47 PM

CP

“ *Carrie, Tom And Samara Price lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Carrie, Tom and Samara Price** - February 05, 2014 at 08:32 PM

MA

“ *Mitch And Stacey Ahlers lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Mitch and Stacey Ahlers** - February 05, 2014 at 08:27 PM

HS

“ *Heidi Stokes lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Heidi Stokes** - February 05, 2014 at 08:22 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear of this loss, Didn't know James really well but what i did know i thought he was a fine person. Seemed like when youd see him there was always a smile on his face. You will be missed.



Donny Rentz - February 05, 2014 at 08:16 PM

RV

“ Robin Viste lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Robin Viste - February 05, 2014 at 08:13 PM

AE

“ Audrey Earl lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Audrey Earl - February 05, 2014 at 07:33 PM

CL

“ I will always remember James riding into our place on his new bike so we could see it. I loved the color and his beautiful smile and how happy he was to have that bike and the stories he was going to make with his family. Cracking the throttle as he hit Highway 24 headed to Bertha, that is the young man I choose to remember. My prayers are with his Mom, Tim, Lori and the rest of the family. Big hugs

Carla Leehy - February 05, 2014 at 07:26 PM

MS

“ *Marvin & Kim Stokes lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Marvin & Kim Stokes** - February 05, 2014 at 07:09 PM

 Chad  
Wiebe

“ *RIP James. May you find peace and happiness on the other side. I will not forget you.*

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**Chad Wiebe** - February 05, 2014 at 06:50 PM

MB

“ *Michelle And Roger Boehland lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**michelle and roger boehland** - February 05, 2014 at 06:48 PM

MR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I didnt know him but from what I heard he was a great guy and was loved by many.R.I.P May the family have all the time in the world to grieve over their loss, and may people not be rude or talk negative about him, what's done is done, now it's about the healing time for friends and family....he may be gone but never forgotten...*



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**mary rottelo** - February 05, 2014 at 06:05 PM

KV

“ R I P buddy u will be missed by many and never forgotten..

kevin valley - February 05, 2014 at 05:37 PM

KA

“ James is remembered as a funny and outgoing individual who loved his kids very much. I remember when I lost my brother when I was visiting Minnesota, James saw me after I found out the news and gave me a hug. He is a man that had a sincere heart and will never be forgotten. Rest in peace James.

Kassie - February 05, 2014 at 05:33 PM

KA

“ Kassie lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Kassie - February 05, 2014 at 05:27 PM

CA

“ Catelyn lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Catelyn - February 05, 2014 at 05:18 PM

AN

“ Anna lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Anna - February 05, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James McKnight.



February 05, 2014 at 04:08 PM

DF

“ Dittberner Family lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Dittberner Family - February 05, 2014 at 04:01 PM

BR

“ Bob McKnight, Debby, Gary And Nicole Ryan lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Bob McKnight, Debby, Gary and Nicole Ryan - February 05, 2014 at 04:00 PM

BM

“*Jamie, thank you for the times you were there for me. We always had a lot of fun while working on pull trucks and overhauling trucks, cars and machinery. You were one of a kind. I will miss you, wish I could be there...Uncle Bob*

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**Bob McKnight** - February 05, 2014 at 03:56 PM



“*I'll always remember all the fine times we have all had mudding. And me cooking u guys deer hunting breakfast. Feels like it was yesterday. Will miss u James*

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**Renee Coburn** - February 05, 2014 at 03:51 PM



“*Michelle Wolf lit a candle in memory of James McKnight*



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**Michelle Wolf** - February 05, 2014 at 03:50 PM

DR

“*James you had a heart as big as the world and a smile that lit up the room. Always there for your children. When I think of you I will always remember the love you had for all of your children and that little devilish grin of yours that always made me wonder...What you were up to...I loved you when you where here and I will love you always..Your Aunt Debby*

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**Debby (McKnight) Ryan** - February 05, 2014 at 03:43 PM

TO

“ Tina Olson lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



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**Tina Olson** - February 05, 2014 at 03:41 PM

RS

“ Rick Sullivan lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



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**rick sullivan** - February 05, 2014 at 02:44 PM

SB

“ Susie Butzin lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



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**susie butzin** - February 05, 2014 at 01:48 PM

SF

“ Shanna Hopfer & Family lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



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**Shanna Hopfer & Family** - February 05, 2014 at 01:29 PM

JR

“ Joe And Sam Reineke lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Joe and Sam Reineke - February 05, 2014 at 01:24 PM

AR

“ Amanda Rathcke lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Amanda Rathcke - February 05, 2014 at 12:57 PM

LM

“ Lori McKnight lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Lori McKnight - February 05, 2014 at 12:47 PM

B(

“ Becki Mettler (Ostrowski) lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Becki Mettler (Ostrowski) - February 05, 2014 at 12:40 PM

JN

“ Jennifer (Wallenberg) Nickolite lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Jennifer (Wallenberg) Nickolite - February 05, 2014 at 12:33 PM

PS

“ Pamela Shesta lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Pamela Shesta - February 05, 2014 at 12:26 PM

CT

“ Cheryl Harrington Toadvine lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Cheryl Harrington Toadvine - February 05, 2014 at 12:12 PM

BW

“ Brenda Walz lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



Brenda Walz - February 05, 2014 at 09:08 AM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - February 05, 2014 at 09:06 AM

KL

“ Kim Lind lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



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**Kim Lind** - February 05, 2014 at 12:35 AM

DH

“ Diane & Larry Hahn lit a candle in memory of James McKnight



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**Diane & Larry Hahn** - February 04, 2014 at 10:51 PM