



## Michael S. Kottom

September 20, 1962 - March 30, 2025

A Celebration of Life Open House will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the home of Bryan & Anna Drayna (727 Main St E in Eagle Bend) beginning at 11:00 a.m. Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of Michael's life - a life marked by humor, heart, and an unmistakable presence that will be deeply missed.

Michael Scott Kottom, age 62, passed away on March 30, 2025, at his home in Eagle Bend, MN.

Born on September 20, 1962, in Browerville, MN, Michael was the son of Leonard and Mary Kottom. He grew up in the heart of Todd County and graduated from Eagle Bend High School. His roots ran deep in the community he called home throughout his life.

Michael was known for his outgoing nature and magnetic personality. A natural storyteller with a sharp wit, he had a gift for turning everyday moments into memorable tales. Whether sharing a laugh or offering a bit of wisdom over a cup of coffee and a cigarette outdoors, he had a way of making people feel welcome and heard. He enjoyed nothing more than "talking smart" with anyone who would listen - conversations that often lingered long after the coffee cooled.

He shared his life with his beloved wife, Kathy Kottom. Together they built a family grounded in love and resilience. Michael is lovingly remembered by his daughter Anna (Bryan) Drayna; granddaughter Emma Kottom (mom, Rebecca Link); brother Doug (Cheryl) Kottom; sisters LaVonne (Jerry) Thrun and Cindy Stephan; as well as many nieces and nephews who will carry forward his stories and spirit.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Mary Kottom; children Justin Kottom, Amanda Kottom, and Amber Kottom; brother Kenneth (Donna) Kottom; and parents-in-law Mary and Elvin Schwantz.

Thank you to the Lakewood Hospice for everything that they did in the final days.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## **Bonar Cemetery**

Bertha, MN 56437

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Chris Niemeyer Wolf - May 31, 2025 at 08:36 AM

DB

“ Kathy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family with the loss of Mike. We toured a lot of seed fields together but what I will remember most was his true friendship. He will be missed by many.

*Dennis Bradley*

Dennis Bradley - April 08, 2025 at 02:59 PM

MI

“ Mike had a big heart, always looked out for his friends, many fun times spent with him at work and after hours. He will never be forgotten.



Marty Irons - April 04, 2025 at 05:42 PM

BA

“ Bernie and Lesa Ahlers lit a candle in memory of Michael Kottom



Bernie and Lesa Ahlers - April 04, 2025 at 10:16 AM

BC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family. So sorry with your loss. Had so much fun at New Year Eve visiting with him at Jason & Nancy's



Bruce & Barb Coufal - April 03, 2025 at 01:06 PM

KP

“ Kathy and family, I am sorry for your loss. Mike's obituary was so accurate down to his talking smart, to his humor, to his all around goodness as a human! Lord, lift up Mike's family and all of his loved ones and give them peace.  
Kelly Pooler

Kelly Pooler - April 03, 2025 at 12:00 PM

DK

“ Rest in Peace my brother, and condolences to your loving family.  
Douglas and Cheryl Kottom

Douglas Kottom - April 02, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DH

“ Dennis and Pat Hinzmann lit a candle in memory of Michael Kottom



dennis and pat hinzmann - April 02, 2025 at 01:40 PM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Michael Kottom



Gene & Mary Denny - April 02, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ Prayers for Mike and his family. Will be missed.

Tom Fiecke - April 02, 2025 at 12:16 PM

DL

“ Deepest heartfelt sympathies to all of Michael's family. God be with you in this time of sorrow and always.  
Loren Coyer and Donna Larson



Donna Larson - April 01, 2025 at 10:07 PM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss. Michelle and Roger Boehland



Michelle Boehland - April 01, 2025 at 09:15 PM

TA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a very special person to us. He always stopped to talk no matter if he was in a hurry or not! He will be missed!



Tammy Anderson - April 01, 2025 at 09:07 PM

TL

“ Our prayers and deepest condolences for Kathy, Anna and Brian and the rest of Mike's family. Rest well in the arms of our Lord Grandpa Mike. Gary and Tereasa Link and the Link family.



Tereasa Link - April 01, 2025 at 07:56 PM

DB

“ I loved working with Mike. He was a very fun person to work with and I will always remember him! My sympathy to family and loved ones. Doug Blazek



Doug Blazek - April 01, 2025 at 01:11 PM

ZS

“ Zip and Nancy Stepaniak lit a candle in memory of Michael Kottom



Zip and Nancy Stepaniak - April 01, 2025 at 09:17 AM

NB

“ *Neal & Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Michael Kottom*



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**Neal & Leona Bowman** - April 01, 2025 at 09:02 AM

RK

“ *So sorry to hear about Mike. Good memories of years gone by! You have our sympathy in this very sad time! Rich & Mavis*



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**Rich & Mavis Kendall** - March 31, 2025 at 10:05 PM

JB

“ *Kathy and Anna I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken for you guys. He was one of a kind. I loved him dearly. We had so many great times together. Love you all.*

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**Jill Goff/Jeff Becker** - March 31, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JG

“ *Jill Goff lit a candle in memory of Michael Kottom*



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**Jill Goff** - March 31, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DO

“ Dale & Denise Olson lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Kottom



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**Dale & Denise Olson** - March 31, 2025 at 04:09 PM