Remembering the life of....

James Milbrath, 55, West Fargo, ND, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at his home surrounded by family under the care of Sanford Hospice.

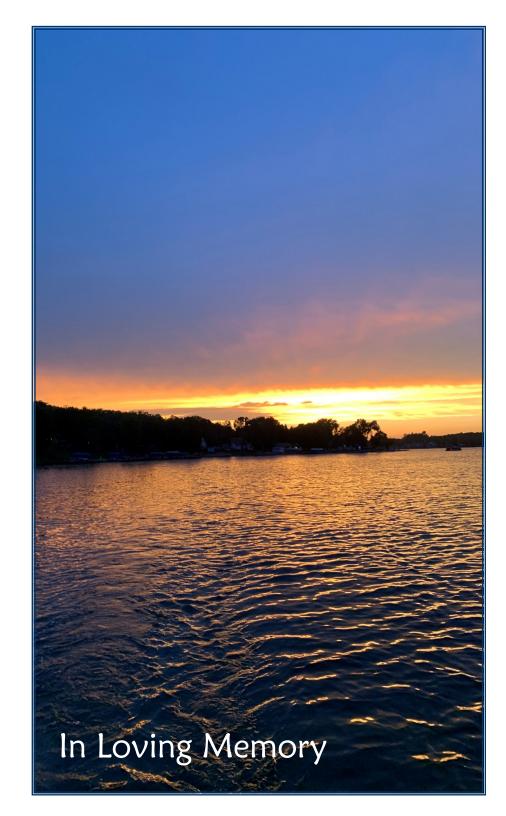
James was born on July 21, 1965 in Bottineau, North Dakota to Aldon and Connie Milbrath. He was raised in Bottineau where he attended school and graduated in 1983 from Bottineau High School. He then attended North Dakota State University where he pursued a degree in Business Administration. During college James began working as a teller for Gate City Bank. After graduation, he continued his banking career with Gate City with various positions, including branch manager, collections, and eventually ending up as a Personal Loan Development Officer at the Downtown location. He worked with Gate City for 34 years and made many lifelong friends who became family. On October 15, 1994 James was united in marriage with Karen Paulson who he met while attending college. They raised their two children, Andrea and Jordan, in West Fargo where they made their home.

James loved every sport imaginable but a few of his favorites that he participated in were soccer, basketball, softball, and volleyball. He went on to share his love of sports with his children. He coached both his son and daughter in basketball and loved watching them run cross country and track. When he wasn't competing, he could be found on the sidelines cheering on his favorite teams. Another thing James enjoyed was spending time at the lake with family and friends. He always wanted others to love the lake as much as he did. James always had a strong faith that continued to shine even through his cancer journey. There was never a doubt that he knew where he was going.

James is survived by his wife of 25 years, Karen Milbrath, their children Andrea and Jordan Milbrath (all of West Fargo, ND), his parents Aldon and Connie Milbrath, sister Lori (Mark) Jones, brother Dayton Milbrath, niece Cortney Jones, and nephew Logan Jones. He was preceded in death by his brother David Milbrath.

Memorials can be made to Roger Maris Cancer Center or Sanford Hospice in his memory.





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MEMORIAL SERVICE West Funeral Home Chapel West Fargo, North Dakota Monday, August 3, 2020 - 10 a.m.

Officiant

The Rev. Stephen Abbott
Prairie Heights Community Church - West Fargo

Special Music

Mark Proulx and Heather Duran "Even If" & "Goodness of God" Hymn

"Cry Out To Jesus", by Third Day

Pallbearers

David Wrolstad, Robert Lee, Eric Olson, Bruce Donarski, Jeff Reinholz, Jeff Gottbreht, Lincoln Lutz, Jerry Smyle & Craig DeZiel

Lenny Carlson is considered an Honorary Pallbearer

Interment

Riverside Cemetery

Fargo, ND

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support. Please join them at the West Fargo VFW for fellowship immediately following the service.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go to prepare a place

for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, So that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the place to where I am going.

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not

Know where you are going.

How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way,

The truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.
In a little while the world will no longer
See me, but you will see me;

Because I live, you also will live."

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:1-6, 19, 27