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-Johnny Cash



Remembering
THE LIFE OF

Tom

*James Christopher
Dodds*

Born to Jackson Stanley Dodds &

DeLaura Blanche (Gillis) Dodds

November 29, 1972 - Bismarck, North Dakota

Did His Last Burn Out

July 11, 2025 - Watford City, North Dakota

Married to

Tonia Melanie Fricke - December 2006

Funeral Services

Monday, July 21, 2025

Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel

Watford City, North Dakota

Luncheon to follow services at

the Civic Center

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

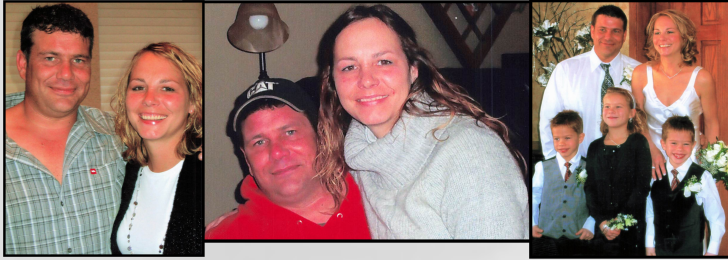
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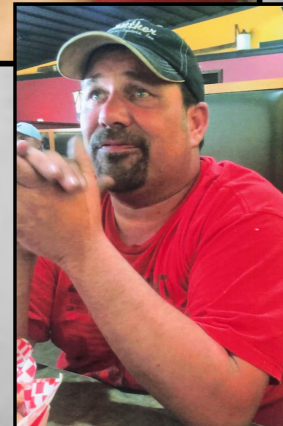
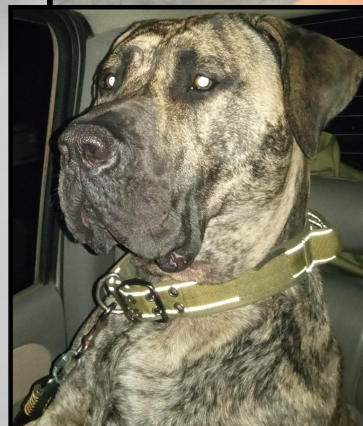
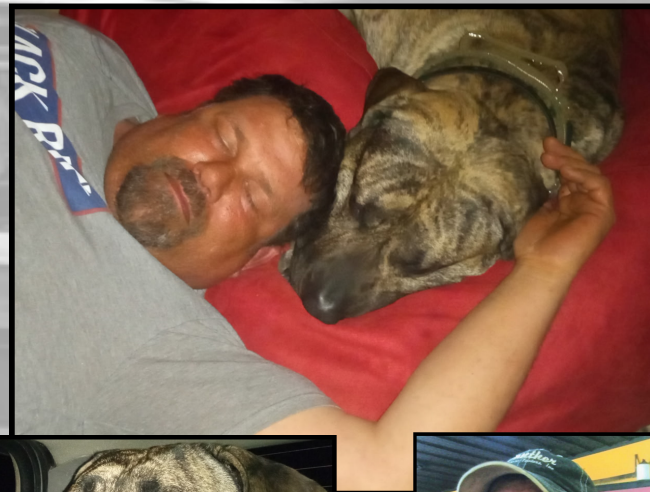


Tom was born November 29, 1972 to Jackson & DeLaura Dodds, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Tom was born the baby of the family, joining his four older siblings. Tom spent endless hours enjoying the cows, geese, pheasants, and all the other animals they raised on their property. This is where his love of nature came from. He spent most of his school years in Bismarck, until they moved to Watford City, where he graduated high school. After high school he attended multiple colleges, earning a degree in construction engineering.

In 1998, Tom married Kristin Bohn, from this union his daughter Ivy Rae was born. In 2001 their family was complete when their twin boys Fox and Jackson arrived. In 2004, Tom and his children returned to Watford City, and in 2006, he married Tonia Fricke. Together Tom and Tonia raised the kids with their "other mother", Grandma DeLaura. He attended the kid's sporting events, especially hockey, where his loud opinionated voice was sure to be heard.

Tom was a lover of all things' nature and anything on four wheels that made that beautiful rumble when started. Tom loved the outdoors; he could tell you what kind of bird flew by, and what kind of constellation you were looking at in the sky. His love of cars and drag-racing was known by all. If he could have, he would have attended every drag race, derby or bump and run that was nearby.

The absence of his presence will leave an immeasurable void that will never be filled.



Tom will be dearly missed by his wife Tonia of Watford City; his dog Savvy - his best friend and companion; children Ivy (Adrian) Castaneda of Watford City, and Fox Dodds & Jackson Dodds of Crookston, MN; brothers Jeff (Laura) Dodds of Watford City, and Mike (Tammie) Dodds of Billings, MT; along with numerous nieces, great nieces, nephews, and great nephews.

He is also survived by his first precious granddaughter, Sterling Rae Castaneda who arrived the same day Tom climbed the stairway to Heaven.

Tom was met on the Stairway to Heaven by his parents, Jack & DeLaura Dodds; brother, Steven Dodds; and sister, Patricia Westerholm.

He will be missed by many, forgotten by none. Tom lived life vividly, and in the words of Johnny Cash, "I found out that there weren't too many limitations, if I did it my way."