



Darin L. Koepke

February 3, 1968 - October 21, 2021

HADAR -- Funeral service for Darin L. Koepke, 53, of Hadar will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Pierce. Officiating will be Rev. Jacob Tuma. Burial will be at Zion East Lutheran Cemetery, rural Hoskins. Visitation will be held 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Darin passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the family for a later designation. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

Darin, a mentor to many and a friend to all, passed away October 21, 2021 at Bryan West Medical Center in Lincoln, NE surrounded by his "3 girls," his loving wife and 2 beautiful daughters. Born on February 3, 1968 in Norfolk, NE to Larry and Diane (Koehler) Koepke, he was a farmer and sheep herder from beginning to the end. Darin was baptized on February 25, 1968 and confirmed May 30, 1982 at Zion East Lutheran Church in Hoskins, NE. He was a graduate of Pierce High School, class of 1986. He then attended Northeast Community College and graduated in 1988 where he was later inducted into the N.E.C.C. Hall of Success for his devotion to agriculture. He celebrated 33 years of marriage with his high school sweetheart, Kelli Winder. They were married July 23, 1988. His world was magnified with the birth of his 2 daughters, Kayla and Krystina, and later his 4, soon-to-be 5 grandchildren.

Darin actively served in his local church, St. John's Lutheran Church, Pierce. He was an elder and was instrumental on many committees, shepherding young men, and starting the first local live nativity scene at the church.

Agriculture was Darin's livelihood. He eventually landed his dream job at Agrex Inc. where he has worked for the past 22 years. He loved the industry and building genuine relationships with every person he came in contact with. He was wise beyond his education and many people of all ages sought his advice and benefitted from his counsel. He will be missed by many.

Outside of his career, Darin loved his family; he adored his wife more than anything else. Darin was a faithful father and avid sports fan as he traveled the country never missing his daughters' college track meets or volleyball games. He still believed he could outrun and outjump them. He loved Casey's pizza date night with his wife and sneaking any sugared beverage to his grandchildren. He faithfully passed on his love for John Deere tractors to his grandsons. He will be remembered for his wildly entertaining stories, relentless competitive spirit, his unfailing work ethic, his generous smile, his big bear hugs, his willingness to come at any time to help a neighbor in need, and his devotion to do the right thing to the extent of the sacrifice of himself.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by his wife Kelli Koepke of Hadar, daughter Kayla (Shea) Scalise of Omaha, NE, daughter Krystina (Maddie) Koepke of Lincoln, grandchildren Naomi, Celeste, Uriah, and Malachi Scalise, father Larry Koepke of Hoskins; brother Dennis (Jennifer) Koepke of Pierce, sister Dawn (Brett) Schroeder of West Point, in-law's, and numerous extended family members. He joyfully reunited with his mother Diane Koepke, grandparents Lester (Irene) Koepke, Gilbert (Esther) Koehler, and 2 cousins Austin and Billy Joe, and Alan Winder.

Darin will forever be remembered as a hero. John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this to lay down his life for his friends."

Casket bearers will be Tim Brabec, Dave Reynolds, Tyler Unseld, Hunter Fretz, Brady Nutzman, Erik Krotzinger, Eric Beard and Brian Flaata.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Zion East Lutheran Cemetery, Rural Hoskins

Rural Hoskins, NE 68740

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk

1200 N.13th St.

Norfolk, NE 68701

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<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church - Pierce

Located one mile east of Pierce, at the intersection of 552nd Ave. and 854th Rd.

Pierce, NE 68767

Tribute Wall



“ *Darin L. Koepke*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Kelly, I was so shocked yesterday to run across Darren's obituary in the Norfolk daily News that I was reading online. I can't tell you how sorry I am for this loss that was not needed. And that's bullet first left that chamber on its way to Darren God's heart was the first of all our hearts to break. God is with you. God's compassion for you will be unending. My sympathies and my prayers are with you and your family as well as Darren's family.*

Thomas L. Guenther - November 03, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *My condolences to the family!*

Brian J. Schlote - November 01, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *To Kelli and your family, please know you have our deepest sympathy. --First Congregational Church*

Rev. Jacqueline Perry - October 27, 2021 at 11:13 AM

JK

“ Dear Larry and Kelli especially along with Darin's two beautiful daughters and the rest of his family, I am so sorry that I cannot be there with you during this very sad and difficult time. But I want you to know that I will be praying for you today and for all the time that you need to heal from your loss of a beautiful person, Darin.
Sincerely, Jo Ann Koepke

Jo Ann Koepke - October 27, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.



October 26, 2021 at 10:31 PM

WV

“ Kelli, Kayla and Krystina and family so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Darin was a wonderful man and a kind soul. We will miss his big smile and good company. Wes ,Beth, Nicole and Joe

Wes Vawser - October 26, 2021 at 06:17 PM

EM

“ May Our Lord wrap His arms around you comforting you as you grieve the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Eileen McDermitt

Eileen McDermitt - October 26, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Your Friends at Madonna purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



Your Friends at Madonna - October 26, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 26, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 26, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 26, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 26, 2021 at 02:12 AM



“ *Kelli, Kayla, Krystina & family,
We are so so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We really enjoyed getting to know Darin and your family at Midland volleyball games.
You have our deepest sympathy,
Tim & Mary Kay Pribyl*

Tim Pribyl - October 25, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 25, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 25, 2021 at 09:52 PM

TL

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family. We have seen Darin at the Superior office a few times and he was always pleasant. May God wrap his arms around you all as we all try to heal from this tragedy. Prayers are with you The Lemke's*

TAMI LEMKE - October 25, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 25, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 25, 2021 at 05:08 PM

SZ

“ *Kelli, Kayla & Krystina, I know you don't know our family, but from one farming family to another, we wanted to extend our heartfelt sympathy to you in the death of Darin. We wanted you to know your pain is important to us. We pray you find comfort in the God of ALL comfort through His Son, Jesus. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve. With ALL Sincerity, James & Sherryl, Lannin & Melanie, Chandler & Casey, Taran, Cole & Shelby, Noah, Aylin & Krupper Zoltenko from the Superior Community.*

Sherryl Zoltenko - October 25, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.



October 25, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.



October 25, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.



October 25, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.



October 25, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Darin L. Koepke*.



October 25, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of *Darin L. Koepke*.



October 25, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Darin L. Koepke*.



October 25, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *The Ball Family* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Darin L. Koepke*.



The Ball Family - October 25, 2021 at 11:44 AM

PW

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Shea and the family. I am sorry for your loss.*

Paul Witt - October 25, 2021 at 11:35 AM

MG

“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Maria Griffiths - October 25, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JE

“ *I talked with Darin quite often for work... I would visit him or see him at work events throughout the year. His voice was smooth as silk and he was always a gentleman. We were the same age, both raised sheep and goats, baled hay and loved tractors so we didn't talk work very long before we started in about our "hobbies"! We talked on Wednesday last week when he called me about some work stuff... he was telling me he baled a bunch of good hay this year and was going to be able to sell some and not feed it all to the cows. He was so proud of his family and his farm. Prayers from Ohio to the whole Koepke family. RIP my friend.*

Jeff - October 25, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 25, 2021 at 10:57 AM

EP

“ *Elite Office Products in Pierce purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



Elite Office Products in Pierce - October 25, 2021 at 10:56 AM

NV

“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. You are all in my thoughts.*

Nikki Verschoor - October 25, 2021 at 10:47 AM

TG

“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family
Darin and I had many visits together while in was in Laurel.
Both of us enjoyed the grain markets.
He was truly a genuine person*

Tim Gubbels - October 25, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Darin L. Koepke.*



October 24, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 24, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 24, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darin L. Koepke.*



October 24, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Don't know what to say. Lost of words. Pray for the family. Our thoughts and prayers to you Kelli and girls. Kevin and Lisa Schrunk*

Kevin Schrunk - October 24, 2021 at 02:19 PM



*My thoughts and prayers, Kelli
Know you folks and many friends will help you all thru it. Remember " If
God brings you to it, He will bring you through it" Kay Wilson (Wayne
deceased.)*

Kay Wilson - October 25, 2021 at 12:53 PM

GM

“ I am so very sorry. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ginny Marten - October 24, 2021 at 10:20 AM

SH

*“ I always enjoyed watching Darin talk to farmers, his passion and
desire to help them was amazing! He was truly one of the best
people I have ever met.*

Scott Hansen - October 23, 2021 at 05:40 PM