



## Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards

March 21, 1958 - March 8, 2025

NORFOLK – Memorial service for Jeffrey W. “Jeff” Bethards, 66, of Pilger, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Rev. Mike Moreno will be officiating the service. Private family burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2025 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Jeff passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025 unexpectedly at his residence, rural Pilger. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Jeff was born on March 21, 1958 in Omaha, Nebraska to William “Bill” and Vergean (Leitzke) Bethards Jr. He attended grade school in Omaha and Christ Lutheran School in Norfolk and graduated from Norfolk Senior High School. He then attended Northeast Community College. Jeff began working at Nucor and worked there for 23 years. He then worked at Tyson for 10 years until he retired in 2014 due to an accident. Jeff enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, being outdoors, collecting Ford Sport Tracs, snagging paddlefish, Montana hunting trips and never passing up a "good deal" on a vehicle or another man's "trash" that he didn't need or have time to fix. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Norfolk.

Survivors include his children Matt Bethards (fiancée Cece Casey) of Omaha, Adam (Amy) Bethards of Norfolk, Sarah (Ryan) Thoms of Yankton, Jesse (Samantha) White of Norfolk, Danny White, Eve Hawkins, numerous

grandchildren, sister Mary Jane Hill, and his extended family in Montana. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Vergean Bethards, and brother Christopher Bethards.

Honorary casket bearers will be Jeff's grandchildren Dustin Bethards, Mason Bethards, Charles Bethards, Caidence Bethards, Jaxsn Thoms, Dawsn Thoms, Hunter White, Kya White and Abraham White. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Memorial Service

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church - Norfolk  
605 S 5th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
<http://tiger.clnorfolk.org/index.php>

# Tribute Wall



“ Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 17, 2025 at 12:38 PM

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“ The Brodersens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.

The Brodersens - March 26, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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“ The Brodersens purchased the Amazing Grace 4 4" Sonnet for the family of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.



The Brodersens - March 26, 2025 at 09:13 PM

LK

“ Hugs to all of your families! Let your good memories help you through this tough time. Prayers for all of you. Liela Konopasek.

liela konopasek - March 17, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 17, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.



March 16, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ Oh Jeff! What a character he was! But he was also one of the first to show up when one of his friends needed help. Prayers of comfort & peace to those who lived him.



Becky J Orwig - March 15, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.*



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March 14, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Sheryl L Hoff lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey "Jeff" Bethards*



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**Sheryl L Hoff** - March 12, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.*

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March 11, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.*



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March 11, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.



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March 11, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Bethards.



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March 10, 2025 at 10:24 AM