



## Nicholas Buehner

March 14, 1980 - December 2, 2023

Nicholas Jon Buehner was born March 14, 1980 to Delbert and Vicki Buehner of Canistota and passed away on December 2, 2023 surrounded by his family. Nick grew up in Canistota where he attended school from kindergarten through high school graduation in 1998. While living in Canistota Nick was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church where he was baptized, confirmed, and married. In his elementary school years he enjoyed playing baseball, but found his true talent in high school playing basketball and running track. Nick also loved his time in band, youth group, shop class, and running on New Years Day for basketball practice with Coach Jolley. Nick enjoyed hanging out with the guys, and finding some kind of mischief. Some of which including their annual canoe trip. Nick enjoyed working at Jac's Restaurant with Jerry Francis and his buddies. It was with Jerry that Nick found his interest and talents in culinary arts. After high school, Nick attended Mitchell Tech for Culinary Arts and used his education there to work as a chef at the Sioux Falls Convention Center and Avera McKennan Hospital.

On July 21, 2001 Nick married his high school sweetheart, Renae Horstman of Montrose, SD. They made their first home in Worthing where Nick joined the volunteer fire department and played "old man" basketball. While living there, they welcomed their pride and joy 3 daughters; Elizabeth, Madison, and Brooklyn. After the addition of Brooklyn, they found their home too small and moved into their new family home in Lennox, SD. While there, Nick joined the

ambulance squad as an EMT and got a huge thrill going out on calls to assist as needed. As a family they enjoyed going to the river for camping and fishing, going out the hills to stay at the cabin, that he helped his dad build, and go on adventures.

It is from his experiences with the fire department and EMS crew that Nick found his passion for emergency services. He decided to change from culinary work to dispatch with Avera Careflight, and has always said that he absolutely loved that job and the people he worked with.

When Nick wasn't working or cooking some fabulous meal, his favorite activity was watching his girls' activities. He was sure there was no other father that showed as much pride and joy as he did watching his girls. He enjoyed spending time with their dogs Kirby, Zoe, and Tilly and watching his beloved Raiders and Maryland Terrapins.

Nick is survived by his parents Delbert and Vicki Buehner of Canistota, SD, sister Steffani (Rob) Tarrell of Atlantic, IA brother Joshua Buehner of Seattle, WA, wife Renae Buehner, daughters Elizabeth, Madison and Brooklyn Buehner of Lennox, SD. Nieces Ivory DenHoed of Alexandria, SD, Violet Sents of Sioux Falls, SD, Anna, McKenna, and Nora Somsen of Tea, SD and nephews Logan, Sawyer, and Spencer Tarrell of Atlantic, IA.

Nick was preceded in his death by his grandparents Len and Alice Buehner of Canistota, SD and Leighton and Shirley Hora of Canistota, SD his Uncles Ken McKay and Mike Waechter, and Aunt Judy Buehner.

Visitation, with the family present will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec.6, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m., at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox, SD. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 at First English Lutheran, with burial in the Lennox Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ *My heartfelt sympathies for you all at this time. Nick was such a joyful person to be around, he always had a great spirit about him and smile. Truly a loss -lifting up prayers for you all- Troy*



Troy Weiland - December 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Nick,  
You were a special kind of professional working at Careflight dispatch. Always answering the phone or radio with what could only be described as a smile in your voice! It was obvious you enjoyed your job, and I was always happy when you were working on my shift. Rest in peace my Careflight friend.  
â€œNurse 10â€*

Lonny Heinemann - December 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ *Renae and girls,  
May God comfort you during this difficult time.  
Remember all the good times and hold each other close,  
His laughter will be missed. 🙏🙏*



Cindy - December 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *So sorry for your loss! Nick was fun to work with at Careflight and could always be depended on.*

Carrie Draeger - December 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ So sorry to hear about Nick. I loved working with him at eEmergency! He always loved to share stories of his wife and daughters. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.



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**Donna Eschenbaum** - December 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Very sorry for your loss....my thoughts and prayers go out to your family in this time of need....

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**randy townsend** - December 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Merlin and Barb Goehring** - December 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry to lose such a great nephew. He will truly be missed



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**Marilyn wiewel** - December 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM