



Lukas J. Gilmer

March 5, 1998 - August 25, 2025

A Memorial Service for Lukas will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Milligan Auditorium in Milligan, Nebraska with Pastor Roy Schrunck presiding.

A Book Signing will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the family present at Farmer & Son Funeral Home - Kotas Chapel in Milligan, Nebraska.

Private Family Burial of Ashes will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Lukas James Gilmer was born to John William Gilmer and Debbie Lea Grienke on March 5th, 1998, in Seward, NE and passed away August 25th, 2025, at St. Elizabeth in Lincoln, NE at the age of 27. He was one of three children in the family.

Lukas was baptized on March 21st, 1998, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schuyler, NE by his Uncle Rev. Duane Fahr.

He attended Friend Public School.

Though he lived most of his life in Friend, Lukas recently made his home in Milligan. No matter where he was, he built lasting friendships and created memories that will be treasured by all who knew him.

Lukas spent time working at Qwik 6 in Friend, where he became known for making the best pizzas—but what truly set him apart was the way he welcomed each customer with warmth and kindness. More recently, he worked with TDL Gutters, bringing the same positivity and easy laughter to his coworkers and friends.

Lukas was a gamer. Friends or strangers—he treated everyone the same. His life reached further than any of us know. His voice and laughter were literally heard all over the world.

Lukas had a huge heart that touched everyone he met. He had a rare gift for connecting with people, making them feel seen, understood, and truly valued. He loved with his whole heart, and his smile was infectious—the kind that could light up the whole room and lift the spirits of everyone around him. His nieces and his friends' children lit up his world.

Family meant everything to Lukas, and the bond he shared with his siblings was unbreakable. He looked up to his big brother, Joseph, with great admiration and pride, always striving to follow in his footsteps. His little sister, Abbie, was not only family but also his best friend. Their connection was filled with love and laughter. He never entered a room or left a room without making sure his mother knew how much he loved her. It was rare he ever hung up from a phone call without telling you he loved you.

He will be remembered most for his generous heart, his radiant smile, and the love he shared so freely with everyone around him.

He was preceded in death by his Grandparents, James & Blondina Grienke; Grandmother Phyllis Beckler; Aunt Becky Grienke; Uncle Duane Fahr; and special family friends James, Janet, and Rodney Craig, as well as Jim Landers.

Lukas was survived by his Parents, John & Debbie Gilmer (Milligan), Sister Abbie Gilmer (Milligan), Brother Joseph Gilmer (wife Taylor), and Nieces Lennon and Kenna Gilmer (Milligan), Grandfather Merle Beckler (Beaver Crossing), Aunt Jean Sticken (Omaha), Aunt Ellen Wood (Storm Lake, IA), Aunt Claudina Grienke (Alta, IA), Aunt Julie Fahr (Fremont, NE), Aunt Christine (husband Clem) LeDoux (Alta, IA), Aunt Nancy (husband Scott) Teegardin (Alta, IA), Special family friends Kimmie & Shawn Hengelfelt (Lincoln, NE) and Naomi Landers (Friend, NE), and a host of great Aunts and Uncles, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Family Present for Book Signing

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel
Main Street
Milligan, NE 68406
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Milligan Auditorium
Main Street
Milligan, NE 68406

Tribute Wall



“ 31 files added to the album *Flower Arrangements*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lukas J. Gilmer.*



September 02, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lukas J. Gilmer.

September 02, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss!! Keeping you and your family in my prayers. Wish I was there to give you a big hug but can't be, just know I love you and wish I could!!*

Kathy Grienke - September 02, 2025 at 01:39 PM

TB

“ *Sincerest and Deepest Dympathy to all of Lukas' family. We are so sorry for your loss.* ”



TerryAnn Brandt - September 01, 2025 at 10:59 PM

LA

“ *Love Christi Nichols, Spencer, and Andre purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Lukas J. Gilmer.* ”



Love Christi Nichols, Spencer, and Andre - September 01, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JG

“ *Jason george lit a candle in memory of Lukas Gilmer* ”



Jason george - August 30, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Lukas J. Gilmer.* ”



August 30, 2025 at 03:32 PM

SR

“ I'm so sorry! Debbie and Gomer my heart is breaking for you, I wish I could be there for you.
Love you all
Shawnie

Shawn Risner - August 30, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lukas J. Gilmer.



August 30, 2025 at 02:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lukas J. Gilmer.

August 30, 2025 at 02:43 AM

TF

“ The Baber Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Lukas J. Gilmer.



The Baber Family - August 28, 2025 at 06:40 PM

TF

“ The Baber Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lukas J. Gilmer.

The Baber Family - August 28, 2025 at 06:40 PM

DM

“ Dorothy (deedee) Marsh lit a candle in memory of Lukas Gilmer



Dorothy (deedee) Marsh - August 26, 2025 at 04:08 PM

DM

“ Had great time last time we hung out. Gonna miss ya and it still seems unreal. The angels are lucky to have you but we weren't so lucky. Love ya



Dorothy (deedee) Marsh - August 26, 2025 at 04:06 PM