



Wayne Michael Bakke

October 3, 1956 - March 21, 2013

Wayne Michael Bakke, 56, of Loves Park, died suddenly on March 21, 2013 in his home. Wayne was born on October 3, 1956 in Thief River Falls, MN, son of Richard and Phyllis (Anderson) Bakke. Wayne and Kim Adams were married in October 1995 and one of their happiest days was the birth of their daughter, Kenzie, the following year. He was his daughter's biggest fan; supporting her pursuits on and off the field. Wayne enjoyed the simple things in life: a well done rib eye, kayaking on the lake, long walks with the dog, sharing a good book, lending a hand when one was needed, shooting trap in the spring and fishing for Muskie in the fall, trying a new recipe out on his family. He was dedicated to his career at the Rockford Park District. He was a blood donor, giving over 10 gallons of blood, a member of the Wormsoaker Fishing Club, supported Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited. His absence leaves a void not only in the lives of his family, but also in the lives of his friends and co-workers. He had a heart of gold! He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and son. Survived by his wife, Kim Adams-Bakke; daughter, Kenzie Bakke, both of Loves Park; mother and step-father, Phyllis and Roger Willms of Rockford; siblings, Douglas Bakke of Rockford, Bradley Bakke of Madison, WI, Tracy Bakke of Rockford; father and mother-in-law, John and Pearl Adams of Novi, MI; brother-in-law, John Adams (Patty) of Howell MI; sister-in-law, Jan Walker of Portland, TN, nephews, John Michael Adams, Jake Adams, and Bjorn Bakke, nieces Sonja and Kendall Scott. A Celebration of Wayne's Life will be on March 26, 2013 at Klehm Arboretum,

2715 S. Main, Rockford at 7 p.m. Memorial Visitation begins at 5 p.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for Kenzie's education fund. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation Rites will be accorded

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Khlem Arboretum
2715 S. Main, Rockford
Rockford, IL

Service

MAR 26. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Michael Bakke



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 04, 2014 at 10:50 AM



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Brian Anderson - January 21, 2014 at 07:59 AM



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Brian Anderson - January 21, 2014 at 07:59 AM

MM

“ *We are so sad to hear of Wayne's passing. Wayne was truly one of the "good guys" and the world has so much less love in it with his passing. i had the privilage of working with Wayne for almost 10 years and he never had anything bad to say about anyone, always willing to lend a hand and was a true leader - he lead from his heart. My favorite memory was coming out to the parking lot in the dark on a cold winter's evening and Wayne had stayed after and cleared everyone's wind shields - not because he had to - but because he WANTED to! We are all better people because Wayne was part of our lives. I am so sorry that I was out of the state during the visitation - but please note that my thoughts and prayers are with you Kim!*

*The Marshall's
Phil, Marianne, Drew, Michelle, Maribeth and Dan*

Marianne Marshall - April 02, 2013 at 06:25 PM

VR

“ *Kim, my deepest condolences your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Vicki Rimkus - March 29, 2013 at 10:08 PM

DB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Wayne was a good man and pleasure to work with. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Deana Bingham - March 27, 2013 at 09:48 AM

CW

“ Kim,

I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and Kenzie in my prayers. May God give you strength and show you His love and grace.

Carol Wilson - March 25, 2013 at 11:41 AM

JC

“ *Jim & Deen Cooper lit a candle in memory of Wayne Michael Bakke*



Jim & Deen Cooper - March 25, 2013 at 10:39 AM

BB

“ *Kim, Kenzie, Wayne's family and Kim's family,*

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Beth Binger-Dunaway - March 25, 2013 at 10:10 AM

DS

“ *Kim, I am so sorry for your loss. It sadens me to not be able to attend the service, be there for you and give you a hug. Know that you, Kenzie and your folks are in my thoughts. Deb Stockwell*

Deb Stockwell - March 25, 2013 at 06:27 AM

DE

“*Kim, Kenzie We are so sorry for your loss. Wayne and I worked together for more than 30 years. We fixed playgrounds and chased ducks wrapped up in fishing line. We worked earthbeat kids and cleaned up after huge storms. Wayne was always there to help. He was a very kind and good natured man .Always willing to lend a hand. I know he was not ready to leave this life yet. God had other plans for him. Kenzie your daddy will watch you from heaven. Rest in peace. Bakke until we meet again...Farwell ...love deedeecancelose*

deedee - March 23, 2013 at 04:57 PM

CS

“*We are so sorry for your loss! Brian and Wayne worked together for awhile "in the olden days" at the Rockford Park District and Wayne was our "roommate" for quite some time when we all lived on River Park Road in Loves Park. He kept us entertained in many ways with all his antic's and how he loved our dog Echo. We will keep you in our thoughts and hope that all the great memories will help get you thru these most difficult days! Brian and Cindy Schabacker*



Cindy Schabacker - March 23, 2013 at 02:02 PM

KH

“ Bless you, Kim and Kenzie,

Words cannot fully explain how Rich and I are feeling. Although, the smile on Rich's face when he tells me about all the "off hours" that they shared together tells me that he and Wayne had some GREAT times together at the Circle K, Diamond Dave's and LT's. Rich's stories leave me smiling knowing he and his good friend, the Marlboro Man, had some REALLY good times. I always wanted to thank Wayne for bringing out the "fun" side of my, many times serious, husband.

Thoughts, prayers, hugs and love, Rich and Karla Hardman

Karla Hardman - March 22, 2013 at 09:45 PM

JP

“ Wayne leaves a wonderful memory with me. Corporate Cup, and the 100 mile Trek 100 we rode together in Wisconsin. Working 20 years with him at the Park District, and knowing his wife and daughter, its hard to accept the fact that he is no longer with us. He was a great guy, one that most who knew him is sadden by his departure. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Kim and Kenzie. I am so thankful that he was a part of my life during his brief stay here. I can still see him on his bicycle. Bless you all. John Percell

John Percell - March 22, 2013 at 08:38 PM

JD

“ Judy And Dave lit a candle in memory of Wayne Michael Bakke



Judy and Dave - March 22, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MA

“ Wayne was one of the first people I met when I started working for the Rockford Park District and was always there when I needed a hand, You would be hard pressed to find anyone better in heart or spirit than Wayne. He will be missed by all his family at RPD. My family's thoughts and prayers are with Kim, Kenzie and the rest of Wayne's family.

Marc - March 22, 2013 at 04:54 PM