



Layne Eugene Borseth

June 25, 1954 - June 25, 2020

Layne Eugene Borseth was born June 25, 1954, to Eugene Jordan and Ramona June (Longshore) Borseth in Northwood, Iowa. He left with his wings on his extended vacation to plan his next adventure with his wife on June 25, 2020. He started working on small engines at a very young age with his father. He was Warranty small engine certified at the age of 9. He graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 1972. He never attended college but attended numerous small engine schools over the years. His dad would take him out of school to attend a one-day small engine school which he really enjoyed. After graduation he moved to Hampton to work for an appliance store as a repairman. He also had his own repair business while living there. In 1973 he went on to work for Armour Foods, Mason City Artificial Ice, and Floyd & Leonard's. But his proudest accomplishment was his repair shop, B & L Repair, in Sheffield which he started with a friend, Bob Ewers, in 1984. He eventually became the only owner and fixed countless small engines and motorcycles, specializing in Honda Gold Wings. Many times a customer would say, "when I asked around who could fix my problem, I was told only one person around, Layne." He took great pride in his motorcycle customer base and remembered what they rode before he would remember their name. If he didn't have the tool he needed or possibly a part no longer available, he would make his own. When the doctors told him his days were numbered, his biggest regret was having to tell his customers no. He felt like he let them down. He was a life member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, life

member of Abate, and former member of the Refrigeration Service Engineer Society which he joined at the age of 14. He enjoyed working with ammonia refrigeration which he learned from Burton TeKippe during his time working at the ice plant. Keeping the Ventura Locker, Clarion Locker, and Birdsall's Ice Cream in service made him proud. Another big part of his life was spent on a motorcycle traveling to 46 of the U.S. states, missing only Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon, and Washington. He also traveled to all the southern Canadian provinces except the farthest western one. He worked the motorcycle circuit as a vendor selling camper and cargo trailers, rainwear, and miscellaneous small items at the big shows all over the United States making friends along the way. In 1972 he met and dated who he calls his angel, his wife Valerie. They went separate ways but remained friends for 19 years at which time they both became single. A relationship came about and they cohabitated for 12 years and married June 26, 2004. He became a husband and father on that day and he was very proud of his boys. A few years ago he was introduced to the world of steam engines by a dear friend, Monte Topp. He took the steam school at Heritage Park in Forest City, Iowa, and fell in love with them. Monte, his half scale engine, and Layne went to many steam shows together. Layne loved driving Monte's engine and belting up to equipment to make flour, plane boards, run a merry-go-round, or shave ice for snow cones. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Valerie, son Glen (Kaci) Harper and granddaughters Samantha and Madisyn, son Rolland Harper, siblings Roxann (Keith) Asleson, and Lonnie (Diane) Borseth, nephews Blake Asleson, Caleb (Heather) Borseth, Jeremy (Laura) Young, nieces Jessica Quintus, Katie Quintus, and great nieces Lillian Grace and Delilah Rose Asleson, Mackenzie Rose Borseth, and Lyla Young, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kevin and Laura Quintus. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Iver and Minnie Borseth and Leon and June Longshore, parents, Eugene Jordan and Ramona June Borseth, his parents-in-law, Dean and Phyllis Quintus, and a step-daughter, Cyndi. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at First Grace Baptist Church in

Sheffield with burial in the Hillside Cemetery in Sheffield. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at First Grace Baptist Church in Sheffield. The Sietsema Vogel Funeral Home of Hampton is assisting Layne's family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Layne Eugene Borseth*

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