



Robert W. Dietz

September 20, 1969 - October 11, 2023

Rob Dietz, 54, of Hampton, passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2023, as the result of an auto accident. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m.– 8 p.m., Friday, October 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hampton. Memorial services will be held at the church on Saturday, October 28 at 11 a.m. Interment is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Latimer at a future date. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Hampton is caring for Rob and his family. Robert Wallace Dietz was born September 20, 1969, in Waterloo, Iowa, son of Dennis and Barbara (Eastman) Dietz.

Rob graduated from Waterloo West High in the class of 1988. He then attended Cornell College where he played football, and later attended the University of Northern Iowa. Throughout Rob's youth he was an active member on a number of football and hockey teams.

Rob enjoyed listening to country music and loved to two-step. He met Linda Pralle on the dance floor, and on November 15, 1997, they were united in marriage at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Latimer.

Rob held various jobs that he enjoyed, but ultimately discovered his passion in barbeque. He, with his family, started Wholly Smoke BBQ, where he was the owner, pit boss, and chief bottle washer. Through Wholly Smoke, he enjoyed being a part of many celebrations; including weddings, graduations, and family reunions. He was challenged every year at the Franklin County Fair with long lines and overwhelming support from the community.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hampton. He enjoyed spending

time with his family, camping, fishing, canoeing, cooking, and still listening to country music.

His memory is cherished by his wife Linda; children: Jordan, Carter and Sophie; parents Barbara and Dennis Dietz; brother: Doug Dietz; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Sherri Dietz and his grandparents.

Cemetery Details

St Paul's Lutheran Cemetery

304 W Main
Latimer, IA 50452

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
16 12th Ave NE
Hampton, IA 50441

Celebration Of Life

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
16 12th Ave NE
Hampton, IA 50441

Tribute Wall



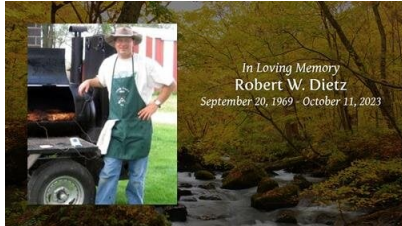
“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Robert W. Dietz



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - December 05, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert W. Dietz



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - October 27, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert W. Dietz.



October 27, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert W. Dietz.

October 27, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert W. Dietz.



October 27, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert W. Dietz.

October 27, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Robert W. Dietz.



October 26, 2023 at 11:04 PM

LB

“ I’m so sorry to read about Robs passing. He was a wonderful man who loved his family. My thoughts and prayers are with u all during this time.



Iuann Benson - October 25, 2023 at 12:36 PM

TD

“ Barb,
I am so sorry to read about Rob. Condolences to your family.

Terry Dutcher - October 24, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert W. Dietz.



October 23, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert W. Dietz.

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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert W. Dietz.*



October 23, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert W. Dietz.*



October 23, 2023 at 08:05 AM



“ *My heart breaks for you Dennis and Barb and your family. You and your family have been very dear to our side of the Dietz (Vernon) Family! Rest in the word of God:
Jeremiah 17:14 - Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.
Doug Mayer and family. ❤️🙏*

Doug Mayer - October 21, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Christine DeChello lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Dietz*



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MF

“ *Michelle Fosse lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Dietz*



Michelle fosse - October 21, 2023 at 01:09 AM

VM

“ *I got to know Rob when we were living in Dows as he ran the meat department in the small little grocery store we had he was always a very kind and polite guy. He also done my sons wedding as he was the best meat smoking guy around North Iowa now we know he is with the Lord and he will take care of him And to his family. Remember all the good memories you had with him this will keep your heart smiling, and I also give condolences to each and everyone of you and Rob you show all of them up there in heaven how you know how to smoke meat ❤️🙏 rest in peace, my friend, Vicki Miller*

Vicki Miller - October 15, 2023 at 10:58 AM

KH

Our sincere sympathy goes to all who love Rob. I remember Rob as the kid with the infectious grin. We grew up in the same church. Dennis and Barb, we are heartbroken for you. We are praying for you.

Kathy Heise - October 16, 2023 at 07:47 PM

NA

We got to know Rob when our granddaughter, Jade started going with Carter years ago. Jade, Maya and Bianca (our granddaughters) all worked for him also. He provided the bbq at the benefit the kids did for me when I was battling cancer. He was a very generous man! What a wonderful world this would be if all people were as kind as him! God bless you all and give you strength to get through this difficult time. Fly high Rob, you will missed by many!!

Nancy - October 18, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MB

Rob catered a family reunion for us in Clear Lake about 14-15 years ago. We were blown away by the quality of the food - everyone loved it. I saw him a few years later when he was catering an event for some friends and he remembered my name which surprised me and made me realize even more what a kind and wonderful person he was. I am deeply saddened to read of his passing and I extend my sincere sympathy to all who knew and loved him. He was a special man. His loss will be felt by everyone whose lives he touched.

Mary Beth Bestenlehner

Mary Beth - October 20, 2023 at 06:05 PM

DH

I know I met Rob in Dows many years ago and somehow that day we struck up a conversation about smoking meat, something we both love to do. Rob did many events at the family winery in Hansell over the years and we both worked at the Franklin County fair and I would stop in and visit with him throughout the fair. Rob's BBQ has been my favorite part of the fair for many years. I'd have to say I consider Rob to be a friend and I will miss him. Heaven will be opening up a new smokehouse. Just a special guy. My sincere condolences.

Dennis Harper - October 20, 2023 at 09:56 PM