

Cole Andersen, 46 ✓

Sept. 29, 1969 - July 9, 2016

IRWIN — Cole Jon Andersen was born on September 29, 1969 to Donald R. and Jeanne L. (Sanderson) Andersen at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan. He was baptized at the Calvary Baptist Church in Walnut and was a member to the First Baptist Church in Harlan. He graduated from the Harlan Community High School with the class of 1988.

After graduation, Cole attended college at the University of South Dakota for a year playing tennis, he then went to Council Bluffs for a few years. He came back to Harlan where he opened Cole's Car Cleaning for a number of years. He worked various places after closing his business, where he could still put his interest of automotive cleaning and parts knowledge to use.

Cole enjoyed the outdoors riding dirt bikes, four wheelers and motorcycles. He also loved spending time with his boxers and raising boxer puppies. One of the things Cole was most proud of though were his children, Katy, Alissa and Matt. They would go on road trips together, and Cole was always there to support them at sporting events. Cole died at the Myrtue Medical Center after sustaining injuries from an accident on Saturday, July 9, 2016 attaining the age of forty six years, nine months and ten days.

Cole was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his children Katy Ponsar of Ottumwa; Alissa Andersen of Irwin; Matt Andersen of Harlan; his brothers Wade Andersen and his wife Dawn of Ames; Scott Andersen and his wife Beth of Ankeny; Eric Andersen and his wife Jami of Harlan; many nieces and nephews; other family members and friends.

Pastor Al Hazelton officiated the 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service on Friday, July 15, 2016 at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Wade Andersen, Scott Andersen, Eric Andersen, Wes Bartelson, Chad Harris, Brian Lasher, Craig Bieker and Paul Andersen served as honorary casket bearers. Burial followed the service at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.



HARLAN TRIBUNE TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

Irwin man killed in car-motorcycle accident Saturday

IRWIN — A 46-year-old Irwin man was killed following a collision between a car and motorcycle Saturday evening on County Road M47 south of Irwin.

Cole J. Andersen died at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, according to the Iowa State Patrol. Reports said Andersen was riding his 2004 Yamaha motorcycle southbound on M47 near 1700th St. when it was struck from behind by a 2017 Hyundai Elantra driven by David M. Hirsch, 41, Irwin.

The accident occurred about 7 p.m. The Harlan Police Department, Shelby County Sheriff's Department and Audubon County Sheriff's Office assisted the state patrol at the scene.

The collision remains under investigation.

Funeral services

Funeral services for Andersen will be held Friday, July 15 at 11 a.m. at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan with burial in the Harlan Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 14 from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. with family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Andersen is survived by daughters Katy Ponsar of Ottumwa and Alissa Andersen of Irwin; son Matt Andersen of Harlan; and brothers Wade (Dawn) Andersen of Ames, Scott (Beth) Andersen of Ankeny and Eric (Jami) Andersen of Harlan.

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