

Ron Pash, 57 ^v

Oct. 7, 1955 - March 3, 2013

HARLAN — Ron Raymond Pash, "Norton" to those close to him, was born on October 7, 1955 to Olie and Crystal (Petersen) Pash in Harlan. He attended elementary school in Harlan and graduated from Harlan High School with the Class of 1974. Ron attended Ryder Tech Institute mechanical school for two years.

Ron was married to Lea Blackwell and had two children: Daniel and April. Ron began his twenty-five year career as a motorcycle mechanic and small engine repairman at Lawn and Leisure Centre and opened his own shop in 1986 on Cyclone Avenue as Lawn and Leisure Repair. It was at this time

that Ron developed his highly regarded ability to "Nortonize" any engine that came into his shop. Ron's abilities to "fix anything" gained him a reputation that brought clients from all over the Midwest. It was known that Ron never met a stranger and every repair job always included a joke or story or a lesson on how to take proper care of your machine. Countless road trips were taken by Ron and his friends and every trip included at least one repair made by Ron on the side of the road or in a parking lot for a friend or stranger. Ron was forced into semi-retirement in 1999 as a result of an automobile accident in Mexico which made it difficult to perform as a mechanic. He loved animals and every aspect of nature and loved to go mushroom hunting in the spring. Ron died at his home on Sunday, March 3, 2013, having attained the age of fifty-seven years, four months, and twenty-four days.

Ron is survived by his daughter April Pash and her friend Matt Billingsley of Council Bluffs; son Dan Pash of Harlan; granddaughter Lauren Pash; parents Olie and Crystal Pash of Harlan; girlfriend Becky Croghan and her daughter Chloe of Harlan; sisters Janis and her husband Douglas D'Arcy of Harlan and Jolene and her husband Larry Mitchell of Atlantic; brothers Randy Pash and his wife Pat of Harlan and Redge Pash and his wife Nancy of Harlan; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Dan Hawn officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, March 8, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Harlan. Capt. Larry Mitchell gave the message. Helen Warren accompanied Lee Nelson and Jason Button. Honorary casket bearers were Dennis Norgaard, Carl Sorenson, Jerry Falkena, Rocket Herning, Mark Hervey, and Jerry Larsen. Serving as casket bearers were Mike Erickson, Keith Kaufman, Roger Erickson, Tom Potts, Rick Petersen, Jeff Hill, and Tom Roos. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.



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