

Lee Pedersen, 56

Sept. 20, 1959 - May 6, 2016

OMAHA — Lee Dale Pedersen, son of Marvin "Butch" and Irma (Strandskov) Pedersen was born September 20, 1959 in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed as an adult at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He attended schools in Harlan and graduated with the Class of 1978 from Harlan Community High School.

September 27, 1980 he married Pamela L. Hockel at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. After enjoying a honeymoon to Colorado, they loved it so much, they decided to move there. This was where Lee discovered his love of the Colorado Mountains and the Denver Broncos. Soon after their move, they began

their family with the births of Jennifer Lynn, Benjamin Lee and Daniel Ryan. In 1994, Lee and Pam decided to move back to Iowa to be closer to family. Lee initially worked in the Harlan area and eventually settled in the Securities Industry, working for Ameritrade, Q3, Securities America, Bank of the West, and was currently at US Bank in Omaha. Once the kids graduated, Lee and Pam made the decision to move to West Omaha, where he currently resided.

Lee and Pam enjoyed golfing, traveling, working in their yard and spending time with their grandchildren. Pam was diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma in December 2009 and after celebrating 31 years of marriage, she succumbed to this terrible disease on October 22, 2011.

Finding himself a widow at the age of 52, Lee continued doting on his grandchildren and enjoyed his one on one time with each of them, taking "his" girls, Alexi and Bella, to the Harley store and for ice cream, teaching Cayden how to ride his bike and loving to hold "his" smiley girl, Ayva. They were the light of his life and when he wasn't spoiling them, he could be found watching football, playing his guitar and "jamming" with the guys, going to the shooting range, or spending countless hours either polishing or riding his Harley.

Last fall, Lee met Nancy Dworak, who made him incredibly happy. She shared his passion for riding and they took many day trips on his bike. They were looking forward to some weekend trips on his bike and a trip to Colorado this summer. Lee and Nancy enjoyed spending time together working in their yards and on home projects. Lee was a member of the Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church and the National Rifle Association. On Friday, May 6, 2016, Lee passed away unexpectedly at his home. He was a loving, kind-hearted man with a contagious laugh. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Lee was preceded in death by his father, Marvin "Butch" Pedersen and his wife, Pam Pedersen. Lee is survived by his mother, Irma Pedersen of Harlan; mother and father-in-law, Dale and Gloria Hockel of Norwalk; significant other, Nancy Dworak of Council Bluffs; children, Jennifer Wagman of Omaha, Benjamin (Leslie DeLeon) Pedersen of Omaha, and Daniel (Ashley Schechinger) Pedersen of Harlan; sisters, Shelly (Terry) Saunders of Harlan and Kim Measner of Greeley, CO; grandchildren, Alexi Wagman, Cayden, Isabella and Ayva Pedersen, and Eyden Stinn; and many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Serving as Pallbearers were Jennifer Wagman, Ben Pedersen, Dan Pedersen, Jeff Saunders, Caleb Measner and Caden Measner. Honorary Pallbearers were Curtis Rau, Ben Mathis, Terry Saunders, Mike Behrendt and Pat Behrendt.

Visitation was held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Braman Mortuary, Southwest Chapel in Omaha. Celebration of Life was held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, 15005 Q. Street, Omaha, NE 68137. Memorials may be

made to the family in care of Braman Mortuary, 6505 S. 144th Street, Omaha, NE 68137. Family and friends can view the online obituary and sign the guestbook at www.bramanmortuary.com.



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