



Eric C. Anderson

June 18, 1966 - May 17, 2016

PILGER -- Memorial service for Eric Cain Anderson, 49, of Pilger, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel with Pastor Matthew Gilmore officiating. Burial will be held at a later date. A visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., prior to the service on Tuesday also at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Eric passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at his residence, rural Pilger. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Eric Cain Anderson was born June 18, 1966 in Newman Grove, the son of Dr. Raymon and Joan (Kennedy) Anderson. He grew up in Pierce and attended school there. Eric accepted the Lord and was baptized at Northern Heights Baptist church in Norfolk. He met and married Michelle Christensen June 17, 1990 in Norfolk. They welcomed five girls into their union, Brook, Ashley, Emily, Sarah and Rachel. Tragically, Michelle died October 2, 1997 leaving Eric to raise his five small daughters. He was employed at Warricks Tires, Norfolk Iron & Metal, and he also did logging in the Pilger area.

Eric was a simple and practical man. He felt at home in the outdoors. As soon as he was able, he bought his family a house in the country, and 15 acres of land. He loved to ride horses and, even more so, loved to train and care for them. He enjoyed teaching his daughters to hunt and garden. He was never one to do so for sport, but rather for food and survival.

He was skilled at archery and crafted his own arrows with precision. During the winters he put his logging skills to use, and the family all worked together

to cut and gather wood to heat their home. His five daughters agree that he was a great dad and they are grateful for the values he raised them with. The girls remember him playing his guitar and often singing songs that he wrote just for them. Eric may have been rough around the edges, but he did have a gentle side. His love and tenderness for his grandbabies was undeniable. If you looked through his sketches of buildings and inventions you could see that his imagination and intelligence were as great as they were endless. He knew so much about mechanics and truly enjoyed working on vehicles. He always took the time to show his girls how to maintain their cars and get them involved in his projects.

In his early twenties Eric developed Type 1 diabetes and lost his right leg in 2008. In the years after losing his leg he put his time and energy into making art. He could never do all of the things he dreamed of doing, but nothing stopped him from trying. He constructed a kick wheel and taught himself to throw pottery. Anytime someone visited him, he let them take their pick of his finished pieces.

His friends remember his generosity, as well as his assertiveness and his strong opinions. He felt that we live in a troubling world and always worried for his five beautiful girls. Even so, he taught them, by example, to be brave and to never give up.

Recently it was necessary to remove his other leg and complications with the diabetes ended his life on May, 17, 2016.

Survivors include his Daughters Brook and husband Dane Hansen of Lincoln, Ashley Fahey-Anderson of Lincoln, Emily Anderson of Lincoln, Sarah Anderson of Norfolk, Rachel and husband Kenneth Snyder of Lincoln, 4 grandchildren Knox Hansen, Lincoln & Zane Caillouet and Shelby Anderson, Parents Dr. Raymon and Joan Anderson of Grand Junction, CO, (formerly of Pierce), brother Andy (Raymon Dean) and wife Kim Anderson of Davenport, IA, sister Jill Hoskins of Lincoln, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Michelle Anderson and brother-in-law Dave Hoskins.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eric C. Anderson*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Melanie Richardson lit a candle in memory of Eric C. Anderson*



Melanie Richardson - June 12, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ *I will always remember the little Eric who would tap on the kitchen window of our adjoining apts. & want to come in. He would climb through the window & sit down to talk & have a snack. Soon Joan would call & ask us to send him home. Lillian B. & I cherished those visits. My sincere condolences to all the family. Mrs. Marcy (Lunz) Zierke--PHS teacher*

Marcia Zierke - May 23, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *I remember one evening, Eric came in to the Pilger Bar with his youngest. She told him she wanted to play pool but there grownsup playing. He put quarters up for her. When it was her turn, every time she thought of a shot, she would consult with him. He would tell to go ahead and try it. She proceeded to beat one of the best pool players in Pilger. He was so encouraging to her but still let her stand on her own. It was great to watch.*

Brenda - May 21, 2016 at 06:50 PM

DK

“ YOU WERE A TRUE FREIND, RIP BUDDY UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN DAN KILCOIN.

DAN KILCOIN - May 21, 2016 at 02:14 PM

SS

“ Sorry to hear this. You are all in our prayers. Aimee, I am glad that you are there for the girls.

Susan Strong - May 21, 2016 at 02:06 PM

AR

“ I never met Eric but by the obituary I would have liked the opportunity to met the man. He was a man of the earth and new how chaotic the world is. I am sure his daughters learned the values of their father. May he rest in peace.

Alfredo Ramirez - May 21, 2016 at 11:49 AM

 Elisha Rose

“ I remember flying kites in the field and cooking for all the girls in the barn, that was the summer of 2007. I love you all forever! And the car....omg the el camino. And the van...and dannys tacos and entering a pool league with me. I sucked at it! But Eric was a kind and caring friend, generous with smiles!

Elisha Rose - May 21, 2016 at 10:14 AM

LJ

“ Sarah, Rachel and Sisters,

I was saddened to learn of your father's passing. You Are never prepared for losing a parent even when it is anticipated. It is an incredibly difficult time for sure, but there is comfort in knowing that his spirit will always be with you. Memories of the good times will be with you forever. While I didn't have the privilege of knowing your father well, in reading his obituary, it is plain to see that your God given talents in art and music were his gifts to you. Your talents are his legacy. God bless each of you.

*You have my heartfelt condolences,
Larry Jones*

Larry Jones - May 21, 2016 at 12:55 AM

KE

“ *Many many memories of Eric growing up as he was buddies with my brother Dan Kilcoin. May he rest in peace. Like said he loved his horses and the simple things in life.*

Kim Eckert - May 20, 2016 at 06:14 PM

DE

I was always proud to have Eric and Michelle's loyalty and friendship after Michelle passed away, I was in disbelief of the here-today-gone-tomorrow, Eric's friendship became even stronger I remember many many nights talking about life in general, I have so many memories about us logging together looking out for one another a very dangerous job but nothing more than a sliver to either one of us as we always looked out for each other, so many memories canoeing down the Elkhorn River ,fast shot on some game to eat, him sharing his design of a perpetual motion engine which to this day everyone says would not work but nobody can see or say why it won't work. I always believed we should have built it. I always thought it would work, imparting I'll never forget Eric said Watch Me Make It Rain he grabbed the black powder Cannon and quickly loaded it and packed it with newspaper Blanc pointed straight to a cloud fired it and within seconds shaft of rain no bigger than a few yards opens up right over us in the canon and it carries over the whole Hilltop in the whole Farm I guess the same principle of a clap of Thunder shakes the rain from the clouds Eric always took the time to think about things he was a truly truly a thinkers man my wife and I will miss him. But will never forget all the things we did

Douglas Eddington - June 20, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eric C. Anderson.*



May 20, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric C. Anderson.*



May 20, 2016 at 03:15 PM