



## Craig Hess

April 9, 1960 - September 13, 2024

Craig Reno Hess, age 64, of Eagle Bend entered Heaven on September 13, 2024. His funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20, at Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Pastor Kali Christenson presiding. Family and friends may gather at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. The burial will be in Hope Cemetery, Eagle Bend, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred.

Craig was born on April 9, 1960, to Reno and Esther Hess in Bertha, MN. He grew up in Eagle Bend and graduated from Eagle Bend High School. On, September 12, 1981 he married Debbie Richter. They raised 4 beautiful children: Jed, Robbie, Cassandra and Kasmira.

In Craig's early years he worked as a mechanic for Engebretson Motor Company in Eagle Bend. He left that career and worked over 30 years driving truck for Land O Lakes/Northwest Transportation and then Central Bi later in his life. Craig also served many years as a volunteer Fire Fighter/First Responder for the Eagle Bend Fire Department.

Craig loved to travel around the United States and explore new places as long as the weather was warm and he was by the ocean. That was true happiness for Craig. Every time he saw the ocean he would say "this is awesome". His favorite place in the world was Daytona Beach, Florida. Craig's passions were

cooking and grilling (which he was amazing and talented at). He found deep satisfaction and joy in preparing, creating and experimenting with a wide variety of different meals, bringing family and friends together for parties/gatherings. You never left his home hungry. Craig loved to go camping and fishing with his family. Craig was an avid NASCAR fan, especially of Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Dale Earnhardt Jr. and traveled to NASCAR Races around the country. One of the many things that amazed him about NASCAR was the tens and thousands of people that came out, the hype and excitement of 40 plus cars at full song as you heard the pack head into turn one.

When you looked at Craig, he had nothing but pure joy on his face. He loved a good tailgating party, meeting new people and drinking cold beer. Craig's favorite racetracks were Daytona International Speedway and Kansas Motor Speedway. When, he couldn't be there in person, he would watch it every weekend on T.V. Craig also loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle's and loved when those engines roared. Riding motorcycle for him was more than just a hobby, it was a life style that offered a sense of freedom, adventure and camaraderie that was hard to find in other aspects of life. You could always find him wearing his favorite Harley Davidson apparel and watching the Wild Hogs movie with his kids and grandkids.

Craig loved spending time with his family and friends. Most of all he adored his kids and grandchildren and loved them dearly. He cherished every moment and always made sure to let them know how much he loved them. Craig was a lot like his father Reno as they shared the same qualities. Family was everything to them and they both made sure the grandkids were spoiled with treats. They were the glue that held the family together.

Craig will be remembered for his hard work ethic, his smile, his contagious laugh that echoed where ever he went and how much he truly valued his family.

Preceding Craig in death were his parents, Reno and Esther Hess; grandparents, Archie and Hazel Hess and Maimi Nussear.

Craig will be greatly missed by those who love him dearly. His children and grandchildren will forever hold onto all the amazing memories that they created with him. No passage of time can ever change that. He is survived by his spouse, Debbie; children, Jed and Jenny Hess, Robbie and Deirdre Hess, Cassandra and Dave Klimek, Kasmira and Seth Moenkedick; 13 grandchildren: Brooklyn, Liam, Ryker, Brayden, Daxton, Ethan, Aidan, Arei, Kaleb, Alayna, Isabella, Jarett and Levi; as well as his siblings, Byron (Denise) Hess and Barry Hess; many other relatives and friends.

It is with broken hearts that we realize that God's will is not the same as our wishes. However, we have great comfort in knowing that Craig will be united with his dad, Reno in heaven. We can picture Reno with arms wide open, followed by a huge hug and a cold beer.

The Hess family wishes to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who prayed and supported Craig and his family during this difficult time. The family would also extend appreciation to the staff at Centra Care Hospital in St. Cloud and Lakewood Care Center for their exceptional care and deep compassion that they gave to Craig. They did their very best to assure comfort along the journey.

As Craig would say, it's not a goodbye, it's a see you later!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Eagle Bend  
300 Main St. W.  
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

## Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *May you rest peacefully, Craig. ~ Mark Pommier*

**Mark Pommier** - March 14, 2025 at 06:52 PM

JM

“ *Our prayers go out to you Deb & family. What a beautiful tribute to him. Sending our love. Jim & Jackie McManigle*



**Jackie McManigle** - October 02, 2024 at 11:01 PM

JS

“ *This video was created with love by the family of Craig Hess using PhotoMagic.*



**Joseph Schuller** - September 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

BT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Bradley Thompson** - September 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

BT

“ Oh the stories one could tell after working with Craig after 25 years and knowing him for over 36 years. They are hilarious. Craig had a nickname that some knew. He was known as "Harry" . There once was a story written about a milk hauler and it was called " The day in the life of Harry the hurried hauler". it detailed everything that could happen as a milk hauler. From getting electrical shock from plugging in the cord to the truck sliding away from the barn on a winter day. If it was going to happen it seemed to happen to Craig. Every winter after the first issue that arose, Craig would say "yup Harrys back" and then a big laugh. Had alot of fun times working together.

I also got to ride motorcycle with him a few times and on a couple trips. He liked to people watch and then later copy their gestures and give us all a big laugh. You gave us all alot of memories. Thanks Craig and "Harry" you will be missed my many.

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**Bradley Thompson** - September 19, 2024 at 02:30 PM

KM

Thank you for sharing these memories with our family. We appreciate the kind words. Dad has great friends.

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**Kasmira Moenkedick** - September 22, 2024 at 02:59 PM

TK

“ Terry Kirscht purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Craig Hess.



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**Terry Kirscht** - September 17, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Craig Hess.*



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September 16, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *My sympathy to you all, I worked with Craig at NFP, and traveled to Atlanta for the races a couple times with him and his family. R.i.p. Craig*

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**Jordan maus** - September 16, 2024 at 09:10 AM



*Thank you Jordan, we have great memories going on the race trips. Dad loved sharing that experience with his family and friends.*

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**Kasmira Moenkedick** - September 17, 2024 at 07:59 PM



“ *Bruce & Tammy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Craig Hess*



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**Bruce & Tammy Anderson** - September 15, 2024 at 10:51 PM

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“ Dale & Denise Olson lit a candle in memory of  
Craig Hess



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**Dale & Denise Olson** - September 15, 2024 at 07:10 PM