



## Jeffrey "Bear" Baert

May 14, 1968 - February 7, 2023

The graveside service celebrating the life of Jeff Baert, of Staples, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery (1300 Barton Ave. NW, Chatham Township, MN 55313)

A gathering of family and friends will follow the graveside service at the Buffalo Community Center.

Known to all as "BEAR", Jeffrey Francis Baert would have liked everyone to think of him as the big grizzly, scary kind – but anyone who really knew him, knew he was the soft and huggable kind. Protector of all.

Bear was many things that had nothing to do with an occupation but were huge roles in his life. Starting with being an amazingly proud father, a crazy fun grandpa and a loyal friend. His resume included: human jungle gym to his nephews or any kid that wanted to play, karate expert, knowledgeable hunter and king of the one-liners. Lastly, he had the ability to get to a location without the use of google maps.

Bear was a true example of strength, both physically and mentally- to say he was resilient would not even touch on how he navigated his life. When life started handing out punches he fought back with unforgiving humor and bravery.

Bear was a true "shirt off your back" kind of guy. A heart as big as his biceps, he wore his life story in his tattoos. He will live forever as the man who surpassed his nine lives, he had more courage than an army of men. Our

hero.

On February 7, 2023, Jeff passed away at the age of 54, of natural causes at his home in rural Staples, MN.

Preceded in death by his parents, Dennis and Pat (Huncha) Baert.

Survived by his son, Dakota Baert; step children, Shelby Bartel and Darick (Heather) Bartel; grandchildren, Michael and Alexis; sisters, Sandy (Ben) Horstman and Paula (John) Hurley; along with friends, Josh, Sarah, Earl and Big John.

# Previous Events

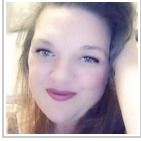
## Graveside Service

MAY 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis of Xavier Cemetery  
1300 Barton Ave. NW, (Chatham Township)  
Buffalo, MN 55313

*A gathering of family and friends will follow the service at the Buffalo Community Center.*

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeff, I had no idea.. this has come as a huge shock to me💔😭 I will forever be your sweetheart 😘



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**Shelly Dukowitz** - February 16, 2023 at 08:05 PM