



Perry Stafki

December 16, 1960 - July 2, 2017

The Celebration of Life service for Perry Stafki of Long Prairie will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, at the Church of the Nazarene in Hewitt with Pastor Wayne Hoffert presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Perry Matthew Stafki passed away July 2, 2017, at the age of 56 years, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Perry was born to Paul & June (Gackstetter) Stafki on December 16, 1960. He was the fourth of nine children to Paul & June. Their childhood was filled with crazy antics and constant unimaginable fun, like rolling down hills in padded 50 gallon barrels, being pulled behind the snowmobile on the dismantled hood of an old pickup and walking on stilts and unicycling. Perry was extremely proficient at both.

Perry graduated from Deer Creek High School with the class of 1979. He headed to the twin cities and worked in the cement business laboring for his father for several years. He later moved back to central and northern Minnesota and began his career as a professional truck driver. During those many years of trucking he drove for Coca Cola, Hunke's Transfer, Pine Breeze Farms, and finally Central Bi out of Long Prairie, where he was

trucking until his illness in April 2016. Perry stretched his terminal cancer diagnosis from one month to 14 incredible months - against all odds and to the amazement of all who knew him. That time was spent making lasting memories with him.

Perry's hobbies included: fishing, most often with his brothers Pat & Paul, deer hunting, spending time with his friends, siblings and their families, watching NASCAR and sports or just cruising around in his shiny black Ford pickup. The family often joked that his truck "was his baby" and he kept it so meticulously clean you could eat off the floor of it!

Perry is survived by his brothers: Paul of Lake George MN, Pat (Shona) of Deer Creek MN, sisters: Lori Alan of Rossville, GA, Joleen (Roger) Porter of Saint Stephen, MN, Bonnie Kingsley of Wadena, MN, Angi Hansen (Lyle) of Valley City, ND, Cami (Neal) Apfelbeck of Poulsbo, WA, and Becky (Larry) Shultz of Deer Creek, MN: and many nieces & nephews.

Perry is preceded in death by his parents Paul in February 1994 and June in November 2015.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Nazarene - Hewitt
114 N. Front St.
Hewitt, MN 56543

Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Perry Stafki* ”



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 05, 2017 at 10:38 AM

BK

That is awesome! Well done!

Bonnie Kingsley - July 06, 2017 at 06:06 AM



“ *Molly Krempa lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki* ”



Molly Krempa - July 11, 2017 at 09:28 PM

NF

“ *Neal And Cami Apfelbeck Family lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki* ”



Neal and Cami Apfelbeck Family - July 06, 2017 at 08:22 AM

BB

“ *Bucky Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



bucky buchanan - July 06, 2017 at 04:48 AM

BL

“ *Beck & Lar lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Beck & Lar - July 05, 2017 at 08:36 PM

BE

Dear Bro, the silence of the phone is almost unbearable..no more planning, no more strategies, no more meds, no more appointments. So proud of the fight you gave in this crushing disease for an additional year of great memories...just wish you would have gotten the miracle you hoped for. So many here sharing memories and stories and laughter and tears...we will keep your memory alive...until we see you again. Love you Beck & Lar

Beck - July 05, 2017 at 08:41 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Mike and Lea Snyder - July 05, 2017 at 04:44 PM

AF

“ *Angi (sister) And Lyle Hansen Family. lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Angi (sister) and Lyle Hansen family. - July 05, 2017 at 12:07 PM

CE

I watched the video and remembered some of the photos. Lots of memories. So sorry for your loss. He will always be remembered. RIP Perry. Your partying buddy, Chris Edwards

Chris Edwards - July 05, 2017 at 06:29 PM

CE

I watched the video and it brought back many memorable memories. RIP Perry. You will be missed by many. Your partying buddy, Chris Edwards

Chris Edwards - July 05, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *49 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 05, 2017 at 10:24 AM

ES

“ *Elvin Judy Shultz lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Elvin judy shultz - July 04, 2017 at 11:59 PM

ES

“ *Elvin Judy Shultz lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Elvin judy shultz - July 04, 2017 at 11:58 PM



“ *To Lori and family...So sorry for your loss! May God give you comfort and strength during this most difficult time. Praying for you!!!*

Sandra James - July 04, 2017 at 11:25 PM

CK

“ *Candy Kirchoff lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Candy Kirchoff - July 04, 2017 at 07:27 PM

GC

“ Gary & Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki



Gary & Marcy Collins - July 04, 2017 at 07:19 PM

GJ

“ Condolences to the Stafky family. Although i had not kept in touch with Perry, and the last time we saw each other was the fall of 1980. But 8 months ago our good friend Rick Loock called me and told me of Perrys condition, and gave me his number. We talked monthly. We talked of old times when we all hung out from 1978-1980. Sports between us and lots of laughs as well. Never once did he complain about the cards he had been dealt and was so positive about beating this dreadful disease. I am so thankful to Rick for that call. I am also very thankful to have had Perry in my life for those brief years. Because we all have a special person who passes though our life, that makes a lasting impact and someone you will never forget. For me its Perry Stafky !!! RIP my friend !!

Glen Johnson - July 04, 2017 at 06:15 PM

BB

“ Bonnie Zeise Brown lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki



Bonnie Zeise Brown - July 04, 2017 at 09:40 AM

BB

*Oh Perry. You were taken way too soon. We will miss you.
Bonnie Zeise Brown - Class of 1979*

Bonnie Zeise Brown - July 04, 2017 at 09:42 AM

JH

“ *So sorry for your loss. My he Rest In Peace.*



Jeanette Countryman Hall - July 04, 2017 at 09:12 AM

JH

“ *My deepest simpathy sent out to all your family. You've lost a great Son, uncle, Brother and friend. Hope I didn't miss anyone. He's dancing with the angels. Even if he didn't dance here. He now probably wishs he did. 😊 All well be in my prayers for your loss. Your Orbituary was beautiful written. Perry would of been proud. Gods Peace.*

Jeanette Countryman Hall - July 04, 2017 at 09:09 AM

CG

“ *Cary And Diana Goeden lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Cary and Diana Goeden - July 04, 2017 at 06:58 AM

GH

“ So so sorry to hear this....my prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to the Family!



Gail Hubble - July 04, 2017 at 03:30 AM



“ Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki



Roger Wiese - July 04, 2017 at 01:28 AM

BT

“ Brother Paul and Tammy purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Perry Stafki.



Brother Paul and Tammy - July 03, 2017 at 11:52 PM

DA

“ Don & Shelbey Arneson lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki



Don & Shelbey Arneson - July 03, 2017 at 10:29 PM

LB

“ *Leona And Neal Bowman lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Leona and Neal Bowman - July 03, 2017 at 07:57 PM

LB

So sorry for your loss Becky. Sending prayers to you all.

Leona and Neal Bowman - July 03, 2017 at 07:57 PM

RS

“ *Roger & Charice Snyder lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



roger & charice snyder - July 03, 2017 at 06:23 PM

ME

“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - July 03, 2017 at 04:35 PM

EW

“ *Ellen & Steve Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Ellen & Steve Wallgren - July 03, 2017 at 02:42 PM

EL

With prayers and sympathy.

Ellen - July 03, 2017 at 02:42 PM

ST

“ *Sue Theisen lit a candle in memory of Perry Stafki*



Sue Theisen - July 03, 2017 at 02:22 PM