MORK, Wayne Larry

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Wayne L. Mork



Wayne Larry Mork was born May 27, 1948 at Viborg. His parents were Otto and Hilda (Lonning) Mork.

Wayne spent all of his earlier life growing up south of Viborg. He attended Rosefield Dist. 63 country school and graduated from Viborg High School in 1966. He graduated from South Dakota State University in January of 1971 with a BS degree in Animal Science. He managed the Viborg Feeder Pig Coop for the next three years.

He married Rickie Poppenga on June 7, 1974 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Centerville. They purchased Mork Sanitary Service in March of 1974. They owned and operated this business until July, 1997 when ill health forced the sale of the business. His strong work ethic helped contribute to a successful business.

Wayne was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. He was Charter Grand Knight for Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council #10266 from 1990-1992 and served as District Deputy for the South Dakota State Knights of Columbus from 1993-1997. He was member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Marty Assembly #1080 in Yankton. He was a past member of the Good Shepherd Parish Council. He was a present member of Good Shepherd Finance Council, Communion Minister and usher. His church and faith were an important part of Wayne's life.

He was presently serving his 12th year on the Centerville City Council and was a member of the Centerville Library Board. Wayne was a past member of the Board of Directors of the Swan Lake Assoc. and of the Sioux Falls Garbage Haulers Assoc.

Wayne was an avid sports fan. He followed the Minnesota Vikings and Twins, the SDSU Jackrabbits, and was a very dedicated Centerville Tornado fan. In October 1999, the Centerville Public School presented him the " Loyal Fan of the Year" award, of which he was very proud.

Wayne enjoyed reading, gardening, water skiing, bird watching, and nature. For the past 3 years, he had enjoyed participating in the community plays sponsored by the Centerville Area Arts Council. His sense of humor, positive outlook on life, drive and determination, and strong faith in God assisted him in enduring his challenges and adversities over the past 2 1/2 years.

Wayne passed away on December 2, 1999 at his home in Centerville after a long battle with colon cancer. He had attained the age of 51 years, 6 months, and 5 days.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Hilda, in November of 1989 and his father, Otto, in December of 1996.

Among those who survive and gratefully shared his life are his wife Rickie of Centerville; two daughters: Jennifer of Centerville and Stephanie of Madison; three brothers: David & wife Julie of Centerville, Bruce & wife Patty of Lyons, and Mylan & wife Julie of Sioux Falls; two sisters: Joyce Pope and Linda Mork, both of Sioux Falls; and nephews and nieces. He will also be missed by his many relatives and friends.

Services were December 7, 1999 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Centerville, with Father Denis Meier and Father Thomas J. Ryan officiating. Organist was Evelyn Smith and Roger Peterson was the soloist.

Pallbearers were John Overby, Brad Gullickson, Tony Kayser, Donald Poll, Mark Neuroth, Ben Bjordal, Darrell Frederickson, and Tom Christensen. Honorary Pallbearers were Tim Ganschow, Tim Eide, Scott Hansen, James Hult, Mark Kass, Judy Hybertson, Maurice Christensen, and Albert Nase.