



## Wayne K. Paquin

August 1, 1964 - October 3, 2022

Wayne K. Paquin, age 58, of Kearney, passed away on Monday, October 3, 2022 at his home. A Celebration of Life and Potluck will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at Great Plains Motorcycle Service, 1850 West Highway 40, Kearney, NE 68845. The Paquin family will gather to greet friends from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. The family requests casual dress (no suit and ties). Memorials in lieu of live flowers are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne was born on August 1, 1964 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Arthur A. and Anna Marie (Polaczyk) Paquin. He attended Lexington, NE High School and graduated in 1983. He was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Jamie Yerg, on December 28, 1983 in Lexington, NE. Wayne started his career in motorcycle repair at Bailey's in Lexington, NE. He later would move to Kearney where he worked for Roger Pollat at Sportsman's Hangout before later establishing his first repair shop next to Old West Guns on Central Avenue. Wayne and Jamie eventually established Great Plains Motorcycle Services northwest of Kearney.

One of his best friends, their golden retriever Max, provided Wayne with an abundance of quality company. Wayne and Jamie shared a love for animals as evidenced by the many horses, dogs and cats they owned throughout their lives.

Wayne loved life and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. His love for the outdoors included deer hunting and horse riding with Jamie. He also enjoyed elk hunting in Colorado, fishing, motorcycles, boats and his Razr. Wayne and Jamie took several UTV trips to Oklahoma to the sand dunes and recently to South Dakota. Extended family and friends loved experiencing these adventures with them. Wayne had a love for Jeeps, Ram Trucks, and old cars. A '67 Barracuda, '68 Camaro SS, and a '41 Mercury Coupe are just a few of his past collections.

Wayne's dream of owning a cabin at Johnson's Lake came true in 2018. He took pride in remodeling it over the last 4 years. After working all week at the shop, he enjoyed spending his free time at his cabin whenever possible. Wayne loved to cook and held many family meals at the cabin.

Wayne was very close with his nieces and nephews. He was always very interested in their lives and always had a ton of questions whenever he would see them. All of his nieces and nephews loved Wayne's sense of humor and his knack of having fun with water guns, jet skies, and his boat. Spending time with Wayne and Jamie was always a lot of fun for everyone.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Jamie of Kearney; mother, Anna Marie Paquin of Lexington, NE; brother, Arthur and Connie Paquin of Carlisle, IA; sister, Elaine and Jerry Horn of Shubert, NE; numerous nieces, nephews, other extended family, friends and customers.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father, Arthur A. Paquin;

# Previous Events

## Family Greeting Friends

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

## Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 2:30 PM (CT)

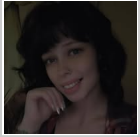
Great Plains Motorcycle Service  
1850 West Highway 40  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wayne K. Paquin*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Wayne was one of my regulars over at Glenwood corners and he was one of my favorites. Always had something good to talk about and was always a positive guy. We will all miss chit-chating with him..*

**Kylie Mae** - October 08, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *I always enjoyed having my bike worked on by Wayne and he always showed an interest in the old bikes I loved. Wayne and his staff were extremely fair to me and he performed very high quality work. I will miss my visits with him when I stopped there. Steve Benesch (Kawasaki ZRX1100)*

**Steve Benesch** - October 08, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Wayne was such a special young man. He came to work for me when he 9 years old at our auto, truck, tractor repair shop. He was always there on time and never shirked a task. At noon we would often times split a pizza and race to see whom would get that extra piece, he won most of the time. Wayne was a junior attendant at our wedding in 76. He was tough boxer on the Oconto Junior Golden Gloves boxing team. He will be missed so much. Larry and Rebecca Mustard*

**Larry Mustard** - October 07, 2022 at 06:05 AM



“ *Wayne ran the perfect motorcycle shop full of older bikes that no one else wanted to work on. He always wanted to hear about where you had gone riding and wanted to make sure your bike was built just the way you wanted it. Jamie, may his memory be a blessing to you. The Kearney motorcycling community has lost a valued friend. Ralph.*

**Ralph Hanson** - October 05, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Wayne was a great guy, Always enjoyed talking to him when i went out to the shop. Prayers to the family he will be greatly missed.*

**Sandra Edson** - October 04, 2022 at 02:17 PM