



Darin VanBuskirk

June 21, 1975 - October 5, 2014

Darin V. VanBuskirk, age 39 of Ottumwa, passed away on Sunday, October 5, 2014, at the Oakwood Nursing and Rehabilitation in Albia.

Darin was born in Cedar Rapids June 21, 1975, to Dan and Judy (Conder) VanBuskirk. He graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1993.

Darin owned and operated his own small engine repair shop. He worked on small engines most of his life. He was very talented at drawing, singing, and playing his guitar.

Darin is survived by his parents, Dan and Judy VanBuskirk of Albia; a brother, Danny VanBuskirk of Ottumwa; a sister, Julie VanBuskirk of Holts Summit, MO; longtime girlfriend, Carol Palmer; and his grandmother, Verla Ahrens.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents

Visitation will be 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. with Darin's family present throughout, Thursday, October 9, 2014, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Per the family's request, a private graveside burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Darin's family.

Comments



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Darin. He was a very special person; so talented-taken too soon. I'm so glad he had Carol to stand by his side, through hard times as well as good times. I know he appreciated her more than she will ever know. And I am relieved that Darin can once again enjoy music and drawing and not have any pain. I'm so thankful that I got to meet both Darin and Carol. Take care, Carol. No one could have asked for a more thoughtful and selfless caregiver. I'm not going to forget you--Joan

Joan Heslinga Boer - Ottumwa, IA - friend - October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so terribly and truly sad for the loss of such a beautiful soul. Darin was considered to be a "part of my family" for years after a long-time relationship with my sister, Roxie. Words will never be enough to express the love mutually shared between all of us. Personally, I will miss his love for music, quirky sense of humor, infectious smile, and exceedingly generous heart.

Special prayers are being sent to Carol at this time; the most remarkable woman who stood by him selflessly right to the end ... and whom Darin loved wholly and completely.

With deep sadness in my heart and knowledge that Darin has a very deserved and special place in heaven.

Vicky Hults

Vicky Hults - Ottumwa, IA - long-time friend - October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM