



Arnold H. Barthel

May 17, 1956 - September 5, 2015

Arnold H. Barthel, 59 year old resident of rural Holdingford, MN passed away Saturday, September 5, 2015 surrounded by family. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN with Rev. CJ Boettcher officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Wednesday and from 10-11 A.M. on Thursday at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Arnold (Arnie) Barthel was born in Hudson, Wisconsin on May 17, 1956 to Ray and Hilda (Wielenberg) Barthel. He was the oldest of 5 children and grew up on the family's dairy farm; that shaped his hard working lifestyle. He graduated from Upsala High School in 1974. After graduation, Arnie continued to farm and had various outside employments until 1989, when he became self-employed as a flooring installer. On December 2, 1996, Arnie married Gail Ripplinger at the Chapel of Love in Bloomington, Minnesota. Gail was Arnie's one and only true love, as was Arnie to Gail. The love the two of them showed is an example of what marriage is suppose to be: through sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Arnie was always busy with something, whether he was out in the fields, finishing up a flooring job, or fixing the tractor. When he did take the time to relax, he enjoyed traveling with Gail. Arnie traveled to 48 of the 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. He also loved history, riding his Harley, and

telling stories and jokes to family and friends. Arnie was young at heart and a prankster until the end.

Arnie was the best example of how life should be. He worked hard, but he played hard too. He took time to enjoy life. His unwavering love for his family will continue even though he is no longer on this earth.

Left to cherish his memories are the love of his life, wife Gail of Holdingford, MN; daughters, Shannon (Erik) Koenig of Richmond, MN, Jessica Barthel of Woodbury, MN, and Kristin (Parker) Robinson of Sartell, MN; sons, Lonnie (Amanda) Thompson of Holdingford, MN, Allen Thompson of Sartell, MN, Ricky (Beth) Olmscheid of Princeton, MN, and Charlie (Breanna) Olmscheid of Sauk Rapids, MN; grandchildren, Talayia, Ta-Lexus, Kane, Trevor, Kolton, Landon, Abby, Maggie, Andrew, Payton, Madilynn, and Joel; great grandchildren, Taylor and Rhys; parents, Ray and Hilda Barthel of Holdingford, MN; siblings, Darlene Kaeter (Mark) of San Diego, CA , Shari (Bill) Mitchell of Elk River, MN, Brian Barthel (Shelley) of Brooklyn Park, MN , and Linda (Roger) Host of Watkins, MN; mother-in-law, Lucille Ripplinger; and many brothers and sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry & Alvina Wielenberg and Anthony & Martha Barthel ; father-in-law, Paul Ripplinger; and grandson, Nicholas Koenig.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
155 Walnut Ave. West
Upsala, MN

Visitation

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arnold H. Barthel*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Jeffrey K. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arnold H. Barthel.*



Jeffrey K. - September 09, 2015 at 03:25 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Arnold H. Barthel.*



September 08, 2015 at 05:15 PM

KR

“ *Gail and Family-*

I am soooo sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers go out to you. I am sure you have a angel watching over you. It is never easy to loss someone you love but just remember they are just a thought away. When you lease know it they will let you know they are still there. I know this first hand many times when I am having a bad day or just a hard time I will hear train whistles. I truly believe that it is my Dad saying hay get back up dust off I am here you can do this. Love and Peace Kim Reichert

Kim Reichert - September 08, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold H. Barthel.*



September 08, 2015 at 02:44 PM

JW

“ *Dearest Gail, sending much love and many prayers to you and your family. I pray God will fully fill the void you feel. Love, Joy Wensmann*

Joy Wensmann - September 08, 2015 at 08:50 AM

SP

“ Gail and family..... We are so sorry for your loss. We were so blessed to have gotten to meet you and Arnie when you came to Missouri. We are praying that the Lord comfort you and your family and gives you all strength..... We are forever grateful to you and Arnie for being so wonderful to Breeanna and Madilynn it has made being so far away easier. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.....

Sherry Pitman - September 07, 2015 at 09:51 PM



“ Parchtone Scrolls was purchased for the family of Arnold H. Barthel.



September 07, 2015 at 06:12 PM

BB

“ Bruce & Martha Baggenstoss lit a candle in memory of Arnold H. Barthel



Bruce & Martha Baggenstoss - September 07, 2015 at 10:22 AM