

Craig Robert Sietsema was born on March 30, 1957, in Excelsior, Minnesota, the son of Robert and Carole (Nelson) Sietsema. He grew up in Spicer, was baptized and confirmed in the Presbyterian faith and graduated from NL-S High School in 1975. In 1982, Craig was married to Elaine Anderson. They made their home in Atwater and later divorced. Craig owned and operated Craig's Sinclair Service Station in Atwater, then worked at Smith Trucking and Willmar Overhead Door prior to co-founding with Steve Fladeboe, Excel Overhead Door Company in Willmar. Craig's hobbies and interests were 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, boating, tinkering with projects and spend time with his family and friends at the lake cabin on Diamond Lake.

Craig passed away Wednesday, August 2, at the Meeker Manor Rehabilitation Clinic in Litchfield at the age of 66.

He is survived by two children, Shawna (and Jeff) Hanson of Sartell and David Sietsema of Atwater; a daughter-in-law, Sara Sietsema of Atwater; and seven grandchildren, Ethan, Aydin, Avari, Evan and Elin Hanson; Bret Sietsema and Mila Sietsema. Also surviving are four siblings, Cindy (and Todd) Wyatt of Sartell, Lori Clarke of Sun City, AZ., Meri (and Greg) Tavary of Hutchinson and Drew (and LuAnn) Sietsema of Spicer, besides other relatives and many friends. Oh, and we can't forget his best friend of over 50 years, Kevin (and Pam) Stiegen.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bryan in 2021, and his parents.

Celebrating the Life of



Craig R. Sietsema

1957 - 2023

Weep Not For Me

Weep not for me though I have gone

Into that gentle night

Grieve if you will, but not for long

Upon my soul's sweet flight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest

There is no need for tears

For with your love I was so blessed

For all those many years

There is no pain, I suffer not

The fear is now all gone

Put now these things out of your thoughts

In your memory I live on

Remember not my fight for breath

Remember not the strife

Please do not dwell upon my death

But celebrate my life

-Unknown Author

In Loving Memory Of

Craig R. Sietsema

March 30, 1957

Excelsior, Minnesota

August 2, 2023

Litchfield, Minnesota



Celebration of Life

Thursday, August 10, 2023 5-8 p.m.

Peterson Brothers Atwater Funeral Home
Atwater, Minnesota