

Anthony Michael Hammitt, the son of Dale and Janice (Starck) Hammitt, was born on November 16, 1959, in Duluth, MN. For the first three years, Tony lived in Carlton until his family moved to Alexandria in 1962. He played hockey in school until his family moved to Orange County, California in 1975. Tony continued to play hockey for the Orange Coast League in Southern California and enrolled in a work program with a GM dealership. It was during this experience Tony found his passion for automobiles. After graduating from Foothill High School in 1979, Tony continued to work at the GM dealership and soon became the Parts Manager. While living in California, Tony was introduced to Pick's Racing Engines. He helped build engines and cars for open wheel, sprint, and midget racing cars. He was involved with numerous successful racing teams over the years. In 1987, Tony moved back to Alexandria and began working at Steinbring Auto. He was assistant manager in the parts department until he retired in 2011.

It was in the parts department at Steinbring Auto, when Tony met the love of his life, Jean Akervik. As soon as Tony's eyes saw her, he knew he wanted to ask her out on a date. They have been life partners since 2002. Tony loved Jean's children and grandchildren like they were his own. He loved them unconditionally and had a special bond with each of them.

Tony was a partner in Holmes City Construction doing concrete work and some home repairs. He also worked with Jean tiling floors at numerous houses. He liked to attend auctions, work on cars, and pull practical jokes occasionally. Tony was a classy, witty, and dependable guy, who was always willing to help family and friends. Tony will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tony M. Hammitt, died on Monday, November 23, 2020 at his home at the age of 61 years old. He is survived by his soul mate, Jean Akervik of Kensington; children Amy (Greg) Friedrichs of Long Prairie and Eric (Catherine) Akervik of Lonsdale; grandchildren, Alexis Friedrichs, Riley Akervik, Brock Friedrichs, Jacob Akervik, Emillie Akervik, Alaina Akervik, and Nash "Rock Star" Akervik; brothers, Thomas Hammitt of Kihei, HI and Tim (Sheila) Hammitt of Alamo, CA; sisters, Terese (Jed) Anderson of Holmes City and Terri Beaver of White Bear Lake, "along with Tony known as the 5 T's"; aunts; uncles, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Glen Beaver; and godson, Jono Beaver.

In Loving Memory



Anthony "Tony" Hammitt

1959- 2020

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savoured much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of

Anthony "Tony" Hammitt

November 16, 1959 † November 23, 2020

Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, November 28, 2020
11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Mary C. Vidas, FCM

Music

"On My Way" by Riley Akervik

"Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley

"Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum

Urn Bearer

Terese Anderson

Honorary Urn Bearers

(Tony's Grandchildren)

Alexis Friedrichs

Riley Akervik

Brock Friedrichs

Jacob Akervik

Emillie Akervik

Alaina Akervik

Nash "Rock Star" Akervik