



Harlan John Attema was born March 6, 1960, to John and Janice (Baker) Attema. He was born in Sioux Center, Iowa and brought home to their farm south of Rock Valley, Iowa. During his younger years, Harlan moved with his family several times to farms by Alvard, Larchwood, Lester, Hawarden, Iowa, and Canton, South Dakota. During that time, Harlan enjoyed helping out on the farm and causing ruckus with his brothers and sister. The family settled permanently in Alvard, Iowa in 1971.

Harlan's dad started Attema Trucking in 1971, and Harlan started driving for him at the age of 14. In 1979, Harlan bought his first truck as a senior at

West Lyon High School and joined his dad in the family business. He pulled several different types of trailers through the years and made many friends along the way. For the last several years he pulled a livestock trailer for Wynia Trucking along with the Van Ginkels; this was definitely his favorite.

Harlan was blessed with three daughters: Julie, Elise and Hailey. Taking his girls to Alvard on Saturday mornings, watching them dance and play sports, and listening to them sing and play music were cherished moments for him. Nothing made Harlan more proud than when his girls would share their musical talents with the church. Though not very musical himself, he did enjoy belting out old country tunes like "Convoy" and "Rhinstone Cowboy" while driving his kids around. A special family memory was going to Disney World.

Harlan always used to say that he enjoyed three things: family time, driving truck and eating. He met many new people while trucking and spent lots of hours on the phone while behind the wheel. Another favorite was spending time with his grandchildren and taking the family out to eat at Pizza Ranch. As a lifelong fan, Hoop spent many hours watching the Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins. Harlan was a member of the Inwood Christian Reformed Church for 32 years. Harlan died Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at Sheldon Medical Center following a six and half year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 61 years old.

Harlan is survived by his 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren, Julie Van Tilburg and her children Madison, Kayleigh, Kieran, Cooper and Bristol of Rock Rapids, Iowa, Elise (Taylor) Bruinsma and their children Emersyn and Asher of Cibolo, Texas, and Hailey Attema of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; his mother, Janice Attema, of Rock Valley; 2 sisters and 3 brothers, Gaylan (Roberta) Attema of Zeeland, Michigan, Diana (Kevin) De Groot of Rock Valley, Erwin (Jan) Attema of Inwood, Glen (Kris) Attema of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bonnie Attema of Mitchell, South Dakota. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Harlan was preceded in death by his father, John Attema.

In Loving Memory **Harlan "Hoop" Attema**

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM, Saturday, February 26, 2022
Inwood Christian Reformed Church
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Adam Eisenga

ORGANIST

Jane Zwart

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"On Eagle's Wings"

Recorded by: Gary Randall

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Recorded by: Alan Jackson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"Blessed Assurance"

PALLBEARERS

Caleb Faber ~ Lanae Faber

Tyler Attema ~ Ashley Attema

Kurt De Groot ~ Jenn De Groot

Keith De Groot ~ Heather De Groot

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kory De Groot ~ Staci Attema

Dustin Attema ~ Hannah Attema

Benjamin Attema ~ Allison Attema

SharaLee Nichols ~ Ethan Nichols

Ryan Attema ~ Jason Attema ~ Alyona Attema

INTERMENT

Richland Cemetery

Inwood, Iowa

Harlan's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.

23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil.*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*

During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends really mean
to us...

Your expression
Of sympathy will always
Be remembered.

Remembering The Life of



Harlan John Attema

March 6, 1960 ~ February 22, 2022

