

**Shawn August Olson** was born June 18, 1977 in Anchorage, AK, the son of Scott Olson and Emily Klimek. A short time later the family moved to Skagway, AK where Shawn grew up and attended high school through grade eleven. He moved to Alexandria in 1994 and completed his senior year at Jefferson High school graduating in 1995.

Following high school Shawn worked at various jobs. He joined the Army National Guard and served in the Guard for many years. In 2005 Shawn was activated and called to duty in Iraq where he served for two years as a mechanic on Bradley Fighting Vehicles. He continued with the Army as a weapons instructor at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin until 2010 and then at Fort Bliss near El Paso until 2012.

Following his discharge Shawn returned to the Alexandria area where he worked for Dashir Management as a custodian at the Glenwood elementary school. He then worked for the Alexandria school district as a custodian. Shawn continued his education at Alexandria Technical College to learn welding. Most recently he was working part time for Prime Attachments.

Shawn loved everything about motorcycles. He loved going on a ride with his dad, a few friends or just himself. He appreciated the outdoors and liked going camping. Welding became his trade, but it was also a hobby to him. He enjoyed fixing things and at times fix something that didn't need fixing. He was generous with his time and always lent a hand whenever it was asked. He was a good man. Shawn was especially close to his daughter, Aurora, whom he loved to take bowling and dancing.

On July 1, 2021 Shawn died doing what he loved dearly; motorcycling. He was forty-four years old. Shawn is survived by two grandmothers, Norma Olson and Delleen Adella Klimek; his mother, Emily Klimek; his father, Scott Olson; his daughter, Aurora Olson; one brother, Eric Olson and wife, Sunshine; two nieces, Makayla Kusek and McKenzie Olson; one nephew, Anthony Olson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Shawn Olson*

*1977 ~ 2021*

*For Those I Love,  
For Those Who Love Me...*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...  
I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie  
yourself to me with tears,  
But let my spirit calm your fears,  
I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*



*In Memory of*

## **Shawn August Olson**

June 18, 1977



July 1, 2021

### **Memorial Service**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Thursday, July 8, 2021  
11 AM

### **Officiant**

Pastor John Martinson

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Eric Olson  
Jesse Morris

Levi Donson  
Al Klimek

