

Brian William Carlson was born October 22, 1969 in Minneapolis, MN, the son of George Athey and Rosalie Athey Carlson. He was raised and schooled in Alexandria, MN. He attended Jefferson High School in Alexandria.

Brian worked several different jobs, primarily in construction and home repair. He worked for several years building silos before moving to New Mexico and later, to California. In the late 1990's Brian was married and was blessed with three children. Adam, Makayla and Katheryn. After living for several years at Yankton, SD Brian moved back to the Alexandria area in 2013.

Brian loved and enjoyed the outdoors. He liked to spend time in the summer fishing. In his early years he enjoyed hunting. Brian was a bit of a thrill-seeker; he loved riding motorcycles and working on cars.

On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, Brian died at the age of forty-nine years. He is survived by his parents, George and Rosalie Athey; son, Adam Roeder and wife, Angie, of Osakis, MN; daughters, Makayla Mahowald of Glenwood and Katheryn Mahowald of Quantico, VA; granddaughter, Violet Roeder; sister, Lori Goergen and husband, Mike, of Plymouth, MN; step brothers, Tom Athey and wife, Lisa, of Milbank, SD, Patrick Athey of Big Stone City, SD and Kurt Athey and wife, Tammie, of Brookings, SD; and step-sister, Barb Van Hout and husband, David, of Milbank.

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 Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of 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've savored 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.



In Memory of

Brian William Carlson

October 22, 1969 † July 23, 2019

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Monday, July 29, 2019
1 PM

Officiant

Reverend Dani Jo Bierwagen

Music

“Go Rest High on the Mountain”
“On Eagles Wings”
“When I Get to Where I’m Going”
“Freebird”

