

Carl James Dagen

Carl James Dagen, 44, of Mountain Iron, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, in the Virginia Regional Medical Center. He was born Dec. 11, 1964, in Duluth, the son of Larry Dagen and Mary Strong. Carl was a graduate of Tower Soudan High School and the University of Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He married Kelly Moilan on June 1, 1991, in Virginia, and lived in Minneapolis and Nisswa prior to moving to Mountain Iron in 2003. Carl was employed as a Minnesota Department of Transportation project engineer, and was the commissioner of Public Works for the Bois Forte Vermilion Reservation. He served on the Utility Advisory Board for the City of Mountain Iron, was a board member of Bois Forte Enterprises, and a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Carl enjoyed coaching Mountain Iron-Buhl Girls Basketball, snowboarding with his girls, and was an avid Twins fan. He was a disciplined, self-motivated, and organized man who enjoyed golfing and wild ricing. He was a family man who cherished time spent with his family. Carl was a dedicated husband, father, son, and son-in-law who will be dearly missed. Carl is survived by his wife, Kelly; daughters, Austyn, and Lauren; mother, Mary Strong; father, Larry Dagen; siblings, Denise Pieratos, Carrie Strong, Tracey Dagen, Kevin Strong and sister-in-law Tammy Strong, all of the Lake Vermilion Reservation, Cheryl Milbridge of Roseau, and Kelly Strong of Duluth; uncles and aunt, Phyllis (Robert) Boshey, and Gaynard Strong, all of the Lake Vermilion Reservation; mother-in-law, Rosemary Moilan of Virginia; sisters-in-law, Teresa Godich of Apple Valley, Minn., and Deborah McCauley of Duluth; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. His grandparents preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church in Virginia. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 12 in the Bauman-Cron Funeral Home Chapel in Virginia, and continued at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Church. Burial followed in the Calvary Cemetery in Virginia.