

Richard “Ricky” W. Johnson

Richard “Ricky” Johnson, 39, of the Orr and Cook areas, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday (March 30th) at the Rochester Methodist Hospital. He was born on August 19, 1970, in Virginia; the son of Robert and Doris Mae (Lenzen) Johnson. He grew up in Angora and graduated from Cook High School in 1988, then completed the mill wright program at Eveleth Vocational Technical Institute. Ricky worked at Hill Wood Products for 3 years, then was employed as a machine operator in construction. He was a past member 49ers and the Northwood Riders Motorcycle Club. His passion was his Harley and working on small engines of all kinds. Everyone will remember his kindness and patience. Ricky was the recipient of a kidney and pancreas transplant and throughout his health challenges he was always still more concerned with the welfare of others than his own. He avidly followed his step children’s progress in sports. He is survived by his parents, Robert and Doris Mae Johnson of Angora; his soul mate, Cecile Warren of Orr; his step-children, Curtis, Lee and Melanie Warren, and step-grandson, John Warren; a brother, Ronald “Sparky” Johnson of Cook; one sister, Roberta (Richard “RB”) Bush of Angora; special niece and nephew: Bobbi Jo (Tom) Debeltz and Ryan (fiancé: Jackie) Bush; special great nieces and great nephew: Morgan Bush, Sadie Thiel and Tommy Debeltz;; his maternal grandmother Genevieve Lenzen of Cook; and with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and many, many other special relatives and friends.

SERVICES: Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated was celebrated at 1:00 PM Wednesday (April 7th) at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Cook. Fr. Joseph M. Thomas MCBS was the celebrant. Visitation was from 7 to 9 PM Tuesday at the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook, and continued for one hour prior to the service at the church. St. Mary’s Choir sang and the organist was Marjorie Miller. The casket bearers were: Shane Johnson, Eric Lokken, Dennis Johnson, Lee Warren, John Hetra and Jack Luecken. The honorary bearers were: Tom Debeltz, Ryan Bush, Curtis Warren, Lars Gabrielson and David Wardas Jr. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery in Angora Township.

Funeral arrangements were with the Mlaker Funeral Home, Cook, MN