



Derek Blayne Skadsem

September 24, 1961 - September 17, 2022

Dateline; Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Derek Blayne Skadsem, age 60 of Wisconsin Rapids, and formerly of Spring Grove, MN passed away unexpectedly on September 17, 2022 of a cardiac arrest.

Derek was born on September 24, 1961 in Caledonia, MN to Terry and Gloria (Eddy) Skadsem. He was

baptized at Faith Lutheran in Black Hammer, and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran in Spring Grove. He attended Spring Grove Public Schools and later Western Wisconsin Technical Institute in La Crosse, WI for two years studying auto body and welding. In 1982 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served for four years at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was very proud to be a Marine. He then worked for eight years for a private company testing amphibious equipment for the government. He owned and operated his own "Aace" appliance repair business for his "fun" money used for skydiving in California, and snorkeling in Mexico. He then moved back to the Midwest and drove semi for Randy Storlie Transport for the past twenty-five years.

Derek was adventurous and loved the outdoors. He loved fishing with his good friend Terry Storlie, camping, watching football and Nascar and playing euchre.

He was very mechanically inclined and you could often find him outside working on projects.

He was quick witted and fun loving and liked to play pranks on his friends and

family.

Survivors include his mother Gloria and step-father Terry Sagdalen, sister Darla (JC) Nerstad, and brother Daniel, all of Spring Grove, MN and brother Troy of Fridley, MN, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Terry Skadsem, sister Doreen Opsahl, maternal grandparents Crystal Eddy and Leslie Eddy and his paternal grandparents Melvin and Elida Skadsem.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Roble Funeral Chapel in Spring Grove.

Pastor Lane Zaffke will officiate.

Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Spring Grove, with military rites provided by American Legion Post # 249 of Spring Grove.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Roble Funeral Home
225 East Main Street
P.O. Box 368
Spring Grove, MN 55974
(507) 498-3875
mor4law@springgrove.coop
<https://roblefuneralhome.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jonathan & Rhonda Weeks purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Derek Blayne Skadsem.*



Jonathan & Rhonda Weeks - October 13, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JW

“Our deepest sympathies to you and your family”.

Derek was a good friend and co-worker of mine for over 7 years. We met working as civilian contractors test driving at the Marine Corps Amphibious Assault Vehicle Test Branch (AVTB) at Camp Pendleton, California.

As a crew, we test drove many thousands of off-road miles together operating in extreme temperatures, terrain, locations, and weather. We got better as the conditions got worse.

I could always trust Derek's quick mechanical ability to get us up and running if we encountered vehicle issues. He had an instinctive drive to fix or figure things out first before punting to the mechanics.

Off-time; Derek was amongst a good group of friends that we'd go on scuba diving trips, camping, mountain biking, closing Pubs or midnight dives then eating fresh caught lobster and beer till 2:00 in the morning.

As the family noted, he was quick witted, fun loving and liked to play pranks on friends and co-workers. Labor Day was our last contact by text. His voice and smoking fish pictures will be missed.

Semper Fi....

Jonathan & Rhonda Weeks

Jonathan Weeks - October 09, 2022 at 11:17 AM

CW

“ *Dear Gloria, Terry, and Family,
My deepest sympathies to you on Derek's sudden passing. I can
remember playing with him and Doreen on the school playground
as children.*

You're in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless. 🕯️

Candis Wiste - September 28, 2022 at 12:21 PM