



David Jerry Hoffman

May 5, 1959 - March 7, 2022

David J. Hoffman, 62 of Omaha, NE passed away on March 7, 2022 after a short battle with lung disease. Known affectionately by friends and family as Grizzly Bear, Dave was born May 5, 1959 in Elk Point, SD to Jerry and Sheila Hoffman and was a graduate of Elk Point High School.

Dave served in the Air National Guard, participating in Operation Desert Storm. He was called to duty at the airfield in Sioux City, IA on July 19, 1989 when United Flight 232 crashed on the runway. Dave's heroism in the rescue efforts, during which he pulled Captain Al Haynes from the wreckage, gained a special commendation from Iowa's governor Terry Branstad.

Dave worked as a driver for Holland Trucking for many years. He was devoted to his family and friends, bonding over football, auto racing, and outdoor activities.

He is survived by his son, Jake Hoffman of Noblesville, IN, his father, Jerry Hoffman of Vermillion, SD, sister Sherri Davis and niece Chantel Cortez (Nahum) both of Surprise, AZ, niece Erica Hansen of Peoria, AZ, and great-nieces and nephews Joshua, Isabella and Nicolas Cortez, and Kaley and Jordan Lopez. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sheila Hoffman.

The family would like to thank Dave's friends for their love, support, and

assistance during these past months.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Jerry Hoffman*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My Dearest Dave, our journey was beautiful and bumpy. You were one of my greatest teachers and I will miss you dearly. We learned so much together and found a bond that was unique. Hours of long talks, working to right our mistakes and the worlds problems will forever stay with me and grateful to you for the memories. Raising our amazing son, Jake, was the best thing in both our lives. Fly with Angels Dear One. Heaven is lucky to have you. Your one time bride and forever friend -sally*

Sally Knopp - April 14, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Well Dave the last time we talked in February you were having a difficult time breathing and we cut our conversation short. I remember meeting you when we were running into Danville Illinois we developed a friendship that has lasted for twenty years. I know how proud you were of your son Jake as you kept me updated on his remarkable achievements. You were taken from your family and friends way to soon. I will miss our lengthy conversations as we could always solve the worlds problems. RIP my friend. John Crampton*

John Crampton - April 02, 2022 at 02:30 PM