

## **Eric Hanson**

08/04/1962 - 03/06/2024

Eric Hanson of Omro, Wisconsin, passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

He was an avid fisherman, son, brother, uncle, and friend.

He was born in Long Beach, California and moved to Omro, Wisconsin, at the age of 2. Eric worked for Hoffmaster in Oshkosh for 43 years, ending his career as a master millwright. His work family was considered his own, and he made sure to have a lot of fun while teaching his coworkers and friends the trade.

Eric was the son of Donald Hanson and the late Patricia Hanson.

He leaves behind his "pa", Don; and his step-mom, Kathy; his sister and brother-in-law, Michele and Tom Tuchscherer; his brother, Kurt (Jamie) Hanson; along with his niece and nephew, Kayla (Connor) and Ryan (Brooke) Bloede; and numerous other family members and friends. He also leaves behind his two cats, Jack and Hill; and every neighborhood cat around that he fed and provided a heated water bowl to. Eric also leaves behind his uncle, Stephen "Steve" Tucker; and his cousin, Kelly Vocatura. His friends at Hoffmaster and The Hill were also an important part of his life and brought him much joy.

Eric enjoyed spending time with his second family, Debbie, Mark and Brandi Rilling, down at the river bend, fishing, laughing around the campfire, and drinking Kessler's and Pepsi. He enjoyed watching catfish poles late into the night and was looking forward to fishing the spring walleye run with Mark and musky fishing with Mark this summer. Mark was more than just a friend to Eric; he was a like a brother to him. Eric loved seeing his niece and nephew, Ryan and Kayla, always picking on them profusely with a smirk on his face and a glimmer in his eyes. He was very proud of them.

Eric was an extraordinary son, brother, uncle, coworker, and friend. His booming laugh and great sense of humor will be greatly missed. He meant a great deal to so many people and touched so many lives and everyone he touched has a story to tell.

Eric did not wish to have a funeral upon his passing, and his wishes will be respected. We would encourage his friends and coworkers to get together and have their own Celebration of Life for him, to share memories and swap stories of how he touched their lives.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, please submit online condolences/memories to muellerfh.net.