



## Kevin B. Bakker

September 26, 1968 - February 8, 2013

Kevin B. Bakker, age 44, of Spirit Lake, passed away Friday, February 8, 2013, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was born on September 26, 1968, in Rock Valley, Iowa, to Bernard and Evelyn Bakker. Kevin graduated from Boyden-Hull Community Schools in 1987, and Western Iowa Tech, with a Police Science Degree and Iowa Western with a LPN Nursing Degree. He worked as the assistant manager of the Pizza Ranch in Spirit Lake.

Kevin enjoyed spending his spare time hunting and fishing. His true love in life was his family! He started the Purple Heart Outdoors to help wounded or disabled veterans obtain hunting and fishing trips.

Kevin is survived by his fiancé, Michelle Holmes of Spirit Lake; his children, Fisher Bakker of Spirit Lake, Katherine Cutler-Bakker, Hunter Bakker and Kennedy Bakker, all of Madison, Wisconsin; his mother, Evelyn Bakker of Sioux Center; sisters, Linda Vanden Bosch, and her husband, Ron of Hull, Carolyn Bakker, and her husband, Albert of Rock Valley, Donna Wojciechowski of Platte, South Dakota, and Sandy Hoekstra, and her husband, Kevin of Sioux Center; brothers, Gerrit Bakker, and his wife, Joyce of Inwood, Larry Bakker, and his wife, Donita of Omaha, Rodney Bakker, and his wife, Lisa of Spirit Lake, and Dale Bakker, and his wife, Kathy of Sioux Center; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Jonah Holmes; his father, Bernard Bakker; and brother-in-laws, Paul Wojciechowski and Wilmer Middendorp.

Funeral services for both Jonah and Kevin will be held at 11:00A.M. Saturday, February 16, 2013, at the Faith Evangelical Free Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Friday, from 4:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at the Faith Evangelical Free Church. Burial will be at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Kevin Bakker Memorial Fund. The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Kennedy Bakker lit a candle in memory of Kevin B. Bakker



Kennedy Bakker - September 09, 2017 at 04:17 PM

KB

*I choose a red candle because it was his favorite color. It's been a rough weekend, all I can seem to do is think of him and cry. I have a book that he gave to me for Christmas in 2009. It's a recorded book so I can hear his voice. At the end, he say's, "...Merry Christmas Kennedy and have a good night. I love you, daddy." Although it hurts to hear his voice sometimes, I'm glad I still have it to remember what he sounded like. I had a dream about him last night, and although I don't remember most of it, I remember him being there with me. And today in the mail we got a letter for a music festival addressed to him, I can't help but feel like he's sending signs to me. I'm not sure what of but I know he's here with me.*

Kennedy Bakker - September 09, 2017 at 04:27 PM

MH

“ Kevin B. Bakker

Michelle Holmes - November 24, 2014 at 09:28 PM

JM

“ Kevin B. Bakker

James Ver Meer - September 19, 2014 at 05:26 PM

MH

“ *The best thing ever in my life was You.*

*The hardest and still most challenging thing in my life is not having my best friend there. I miss you. I can't even try to describe how much I miss you and our family. You made me laugh. You help me and listened when I cried-sometimes you would joke and I could not cry if I wanted to. You were and are my special half. I am amazed I keep waking up because the pain is still so unbearably strong. I figured I'd die in my sleep from a heart ace but I keep ticking along. You gave me strength. I enjoyed you. I enjoyed you letting my gut out dear or shingle house with you. I enjoyed your scent and your warmth. Your smile. Your words of wisdom. You are the smartest man I know and the best cook. I never wanted to eat out because they suck dust and your meals were 5 star. You were great and encouraging and loving. You listened and cared and had a wonderful sense of humor. Everything you enjoy, I do as well. It sure is hard when all of a sudden you have nothing. Not even a best friend. What do you want me to do? Help me. I need you. I smile but really all day I cry for you. Nothing or anyone will ever replace the love we had for one another. I thank God for you. You made me be a better person. I miss you so much. Take Care of Jonah. Wrap your arms around him everyday and tell him it is from mommy. Tell him I am proud of him. I know when I get to Heaven Jonah will have so many talents because everything he does, you will be there teaching him and encouraging him. I miss you always and everyday the pain is still there. It is hard and unfair. You're not just my husband and my lover but you are my best friend and I miss you- my best friend.*

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**Michelle Holmes** - March 20, 2014 at 09:30 PM



*I'm so sorry Michelle! It makes me cry to know the pain you suffer from this... I want you to know that I could say all of the same as above about u.. you mean the world to me. I'll always be here for you and with all do respect your never alone if you ever need a shoulder to cry on. Or a big hug. Or just a laugh. You know you can call me!! She is a great woman Kevin. I love her with all my heart. I have alot of respect for what you had... Never met you. I've heard alot about you! I will everyday protect her and be there for her from this day on I will never let her down again! 2/17/2019 I love you Michelle, Jonah your mom loves you so much!! Keep smiling buddy.. your everything to your momma... Till we meet, keep your momma smiling too.*

**Brandon McQueen** - February 17, 2019 at 09:46 AM

LC

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

**linze camarillo** - March 04, 2013 at 02:10 PM

CH

“ *We are very sorry to hear of your loss and sorrow. We are praying for the family and friends. May God give you all some comfort and peace through this grief and pain. Our sincerest sympathy, The Ottumwa Pizza Ranch*

**Curt and Sarah Hopkins** - February 20, 2013 at 01:52 PM

CA

“ *I have so very many fond memories of Kevin. I worked with him at Risen Son for one year. He was a wonderful man with a huge heart. He loved his children. He spoke of them often. My heart goes out to his fiance' and family left behind. Trust in God and know that one day you will all be reunited again. The video was a beautiful tribute to all!*

**Carol** - February 16, 2013 at 04:21 PM

AC

“ Kevin B. Bakker

Angela (Graves) Cruff - February 16, 2013 at 11:11 AM

JC

“ Kevin B. Bakker

Justin Crane - February 16, 2013 at 10:51 AM

MW

“ Kevin B. Bakker

Mark and Cindy Warntjes - February 16, 2013 at 10:50 AM

LJ

“ I am deeply sorry for the loss of Kevin. My heart breaks for Michelle, his beautiful children, and all of his family and friends. Kevin had a wonderful heart and was a gentle soul. He could light up a room with his laughter. His love for Michelle and his children was very evident to anyone who knew him.

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,  
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.  
~Author Unknown

Lisa Johnston - February 16, 2013 at 08:20 AM

AH

“ To the family of Kevin and Jonah, We are sorry for your loss. We had supper at Pizza Ranch this past fall and had a nice visit with Kevin. He made the best pizza. You are in our thoughts and prayers . Anita and Gary Heath and family.

Anita Heath - February 15, 2013 at 10:41 PM

DC

“ *To Larry Bakker and family. We are so sorry for your loss. May our Lord Jesus wrap you all in his arms of comfort. Prayers for you all. God Bless,  
Dennis and Sue Clark Family*

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**Dennis and Sue Clark** - February 15, 2013 at 10:00 PM

AC

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

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**Amanda Crane** - February 15, 2013 at 09:06 PM

SM

“ *Aunt Evelyn and family,*

*We are so, so sorry for your loss, and will be thinking of you tomorrow. Keeping all of you - and the Holmes family - in our thoughts and prayers.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*The Luttikhuizen family*

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**Sharon Luttikhuizen Moore** - February 15, 2013 at 02:32 PM

AK

“ *So very sorry to all of you for your loss. May our Lords unwavering Grace wrap His arms around you, and give you His peace. Our prayers are with you all.*

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**Allen and Wanda Koedam** - February 15, 2013 at 12:01 PM

MV

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

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**Mark Van Voorst** - February 15, 2013 at 09:11 AM

MV

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

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**Mark Van Voorst** - February 15, 2013 at 09:10 AM

DL

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

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**Dale langefeld** - February 15, 2013 at 07:49 AM

JL

“ *To the Bakker and Holmes families...our prayers are with you at this sad time. We didn't get to meet Kevin or Jonah, but worked alongside his brother, Larry BAKKER. Sorry for your loss. Lawrence J. LACOMA III, and family.*

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**Joan Lacoma** - February 15, 2013 at 07:45 AM

KK

“ *To the Bakker and Holmes families my heart goes out to you both and my family will be in prayer for you all. I did not have the pleasure of meeting Kevin or Jonah but I have worked with Lary Bakker Kevin's brother. My deepest condolences. Karl Koch*

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**Karl Koch** - February 14, 2013 at 04:44 PM

LJ

“ My deepest sympathies to Evelyn and the family, Kevin's kids and to Michelle. Kevin was an amazing person who had a personality that was contagious. Everyone around Kevin always had a smile on their face.

*Although I haven't talked to Kevin in many years, I think of him often. I have found myself sitting or driving somewhere and seeing a set of railroad tracks, and apple tree, a pheasant, a duck, a deer really anything out doors and I would ask myself, I wonder what Kevin is doing today?*

*I was very fortunate to have many childhood and teenage adventures with Kevin. He was able to turn a simple hunting, fishing or camping trip to the river in Doon into an unforgettable adventure. It was never an ordinary adventure either, but one that makes me crack a smile everytime I drive past some of those spots we hunted, fished or just floated down. Kevin was great at making memories.*

*When I think about Kevin and I don't think about hunting or going down the railroad tracks as kids, I think about his fine selection High School automobiles. Whether it was the Station Wagon, the Chevelle or the Cordoba, they all had stories to tell when he was done with them. I often rolled out of the pasenger seat laughing hysterically and thinking, "I didn't know you could that to/in a car".*

*I was very fortunate to be able to spend many hours of our teen years with Kevin. Many of those hours were spent at the bakery in Hull. Althought it was a job I think everyone there all have a lot of crazy memories from that place. Kevin had an amazing abiltiy to work extremely hard and have fun while doing it.*

*Kevin you were a great Man and I am proud to call you a friend.  
Rest in Peace*

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Larrell De Jong - February 14, 2013 at 03:40 PM

HF

“ Want to extend our sympathy to Kevin's family, brothers, sisters, and mom. It's such a tragedy to lose someone so young. Know that he is resting in peace with GOD in heaven.

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**Harlan and Clarice Van Maanen family** - February 14, 2013 at 01:37 PM

MT

“ My deepest sympathies to the Bakker family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Although I hadn't seen or talked to Kevin in quite some time, what I remember is how laughter seemed to surround him. His quick wit and love of life just made everyone around him smile. I know for certain our next class reunion will be short on laughs without him there.

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**Mark Tensen** - February 14, 2013 at 09:20 AM

PR

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

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**Patty Kruse Rohwer** - February 14, 2013 at 06:27 AM

DN

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

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**Diane DeVos Nishikawa** - February 14, 2013 at 12:13 AM

SL

“ *Kevin B. Bakker*

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**Sue Ladwig** - February 14, 2013 at 12:10 AM

TV

“ Our sympathy goes out to the Bakker Family. Kevin was a great co worker and leader at Pizza Ranch. He very proud and spoke often of his kids and family. Kevin will be missed.  
Terry Veldman

Terry Veldman - February 13, 2013 at 01:29 PM

WD

“ Praying for your family at this very sad time. Cherish your precious memories.

Wayne & Edie Dekkers - February 13, 2013 at 11:37 AM

SM

“ Kevin B. Bakker

Sharon Luttkhuizen Moore - February 13, 2013 at 10:42 AM

FA

“ Your memories will live on! Rest in peace Uncle Kev. You will be missed dearly.

Family - February 13, 2013 at 08:23 AM

BD

“ Dear Bakker Family - We are grieving with you in your loss and are parying for God's grace even in this really hard situation. You are in our thoughts and prayers daily as we lift you up to to one who died and rose again! Billo and Darci Dreise

Bill Dreise - February 13, 2013 at 06:03 AM

TM

“ Kevin B. Bakker

Tim Van Der Maaten - February 13, 2013 at 02:28 AM

KT

“ TO my family I'm so sorry of the loss of Kevin and Jonah!! I can't imagine what you and Michelle are going through!! All I can remember is Kevin was the cousin that stood up for me when you other cousins picked on me and Chad!! I love you all and will never forget the man and father he was!!

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**kim tiedeman** - February 13, 2013 at 12:58 AM

SH

“ To the Bakker family,  
So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

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**Steve and Laura Heitritter** - February 12, 2013 at 06:54 PM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Lisa and Rodney, I continue to hold you dear to my heart and keep saying those prayers for comfort..LOVE YOU!

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**Sue Bueltel-Michelson** - February 12, 2013 at 04:38 PM

DR

“ My heart goes out to Michelle and the Bakker family. There are not words to express the sadness but my thoughts and prayers are with you. Kevin was a good man and Jonah a beautiful child. May you find strength and peace in the fact that God will surely hold them in the palm of his hand until you meet up with them again in heaven.

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**Deb Rogers** - February 12, 2013 at 03:42 PM

RW

“ I remember Kevin as always giving me a hard time when we were younger, all out of fun!! Kevin, Michelle, the children, and the Baker family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Robin Stevens Wissink - February 12, 2013 at 01:46 PM

EC

“ I worked with Kevin at Pizza Ranch. Always enjoyed arguing politics with him. Our views may have differed, but our philosophy's in life were always the same. He was a hard worker, and all around nice guy. He used to take hunting trips with wounded vets, something I totally respected. I only got to know him for 5 months, but the guy could easily grow on ya. He was always so happy when Michelle and the kids came in, you could tell he really loved them all by the way he treated them and that huge smile on his face, and the way he would just light up when they were there. We're all gonna miss him at the ranch.

Eric Clark - February 12, 2013 at 01:26 PM

ER

“ I am thankful to have known Kevin for several years. He has been a part of our annual deer camp in Nebraska most years. Such a kind and humorous friend. Liked to have a good time and was always helpful and positive. Loved seeing Kevin, Michelle and the boys at pool parties and birthday celebrations at Kyle and Halli's. Such a great couple and family.

Elton Roland - February 12, 2013 at 12:51 PM

LH

“ working with kevin at rison son, he helped me study for my nurse exam, he made me laugh.

Lorna Hiatt - February 12, 2013 at 11:46 AM

EJ

“ I met kevin while working with him for 2 yrs...he truely made an impact in my life...such an amazing friend!!...I will never forget all the great memories...also met Michelle at work,it was so much fun going out with them one yr on Halloween and New Years Eve....she's an amazing lady,she gets stronger everyday!...Kevin,I'm blessed to have known you in my life!!! I will never forget you!!!.....

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**Elizabeth Johns** - February 12, 2013 at 10:45 AM

BW

“ Our sympathy and prayers go to the Bakker family. We are so sorry.

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**Bev and Vern Wittler** - February 12, 2013 at 09:35 AM

RE

“ I Will Miss Kevin's good Humor and caring thoughts. He was so good to Michelle and the Kids.

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**Renee** - February 12, 2013 at 07:43 AM

SD

“ Even though the years drew us apart, I will never forget all the good times we had together growing up! Kevin stood beside me through alot growing up. He will truly be missed! I have you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you Kevin and see you in heaven someday!

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**Susan (Bakker) Van Driel** - February 11, 2013 at 11:21 AM

SG

“ I met Kevin at Elizabeth Burgos's wedding where Michelle was the maid of honor. Michelle and I went to high school together. We sat beside them almost the entire reception (had to get up and dance too) :) My favorite memory was him telling my boyfriend and I how much he loved Michelle and you do whatever you can to make a marriage work. They were very happy and he was hilarious playing the dancing games.

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**Stephane Gehl** - February 11, 2013 at 02:07 AM

AD

“ Michelle and Bakker Family,  
So Sorry to hear about Kevin. He was a great co worker and a friend to everyone. His great personality and smile will be missed truely. God Bless you all.

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**Ashley Dishong** - February 10, 2013 at 11:06 PM

LO

“ We will miss you Uncle Kevin. Love you always!

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**Loni** - February 10, 2013 at 09:57 PM

KR

“ Cannot believe that you are gone! I love you and miss you Uncle Kev!

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**Kris** - February 10, 2013 at 09:00 PM

DB

“ I will never forget you kevin... See you in heaven!

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**dale bakker** - February 10, 2013 at 07:56 PM