

# Remembrance

## Michael Eugene Poorker, Sr., 40

April 30, 1979 - Aug. 22, 2019

**HARLAN** – Michael Eugene Poorker, Sr., son of Kimberly Poorker, was born April 30, 1979 in Omaha, NE. Michael grew up in Carter Lake and attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

Michael was married to Stephenie Bazemore on August 18, 2018 in Carter Lake. They grew up together and later reunited. They joined their families with their children: Isabella, Michael, Jr., Erick, Caleb, Mason, and Jamie.

He loved to cook and make his famous “Hobo Soup”, another favorite was steak and shrimp. Although he loved to cook, he would often say, “I’m not a baker.” Michael worked at Iowa Railway and did construction, he was a good plumber as well. He most recently worked at Wings in Avoca as a cook.

Michael liked fishing, camping and being with friends and family and having backyard grill outs. He enjoyed going to the movies and his favorites were “Rocky” and “Boondock Saints.” He loved horror movies. His favorite TV shows were Forge of Fire, cooking shows, Beat Bobby Flay, Andy Griffith Show, and Gomer Pyle, USMC. He was an avid Nebraska Husker fan!

Michael died at his home in Harlan on Thursday, August 22, 2019, attaining the age of 40 years, three months, and 23 days.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa James Poorker, uncles George and Jimmy Poorker.

Michael is survived by his wife Stephenie Poorker of Harlan; children Isabella Poorker of Neola; Michael Poorker, Jr. of Omaha, NE; Erick Bazemore of Harlan; Caleb Schlotfeld of Omaha; Mason Bergantzel of Harlan; Jamie Bergantzel of Harlan; granddaughter Olivia Bazemore of Council Bluffs; mother Kimberly Poorker of Avoca; brother James (Carolin) Mills of Avoca; maternal grandma Beverly Poorker of Harlan; mother-in-law Teresa (Kevin) Awalt of Carter Lake; father-in-law Steven (Tamara) Bazemore of Omaha; sister-in-law Jennifer (Joe) Russell of Omaha; aunt Roxanne (Rick) Poorker of Harlan; uncle Randy (Karen) Poorker of Crescent; nieces and nephews, other family members and many friends.



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