



Darren Wayne Van Gerpen

May 10, 1965 - March 12, 2026

Darren Wayne Van Gerpen, age 60 of Mattoon, IL passed away on March 12, 2026, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

No services are scheduled. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of arrangements.

Darren was born on May 10, 1965, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Jerry and Marian Jeanette (Dragoo) Van Gerpen. He is survived by two daughters, Amber R. Gehman and husband Christopher of Mattoon, IL, and Jennifer J. Smith and husband Ashley of Mattoon, IL; six grandchildren: Kylee Robbins, Janessa and Kaleia Smith, Drake Gower, Kyriannah Smith, Jordan Van Gerpen; one great-grandchild, Nazarythe King; three brothers: Deric Van Gerpen, David Van Gerpen and wife Sherri, and Damon Van Gerpen and wife Dawn all of Idaho; and one sister, Dorena Schrader and husband Stace of Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Darcy Van Gerpen.

Darren worked as a structural designer for Lester Buildings and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Known for his strong work ethic, he was a true workaholic who took pride in providing for his family. He loved riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycles and was often a lone rider at heart, enjoying the freedom of the open road.

He also enjoyed playing pool, taking road trips, and spending time with those he loved. Some of his most meaningful moments were helping his grandchildren with their schoolwork and simply being together as a family.

Above all, he valued time with the people he loved and found great joy in

caring for and supporting them.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jordan, I'm so sorry for your loss! I know how much he meant to you (and how much you meant to him). I'm keeping you in my heart, thoughts and prayers!! I'm so thankful that you both had each other and you were able to be there and care for him. Love, Jeffrie



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