

While on the ride called "life", you have to take
the good with the bad,
smile when you're sad, love what you've got
and remember what you had.
Always forgive, but never forget.
Learn from your mistakes,
but never regret.
People change.
Things go wrong.
Just remember,
the ride goes on.

Until we meet again...

Jim "Boney" Bonebright

NOVEMBER 14, 1967 - JULY 10, 2016



James “Boney” Bonebright, 48, of Miller, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2016 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls surrounded by his family and friends.

The man. The myth. The legend. Men wanted to be him, and woman wanted to gaze upon his splendor, and that is exactly how Boney would say it. Boney loved everyone and everything he came into contact with. If there was laughter, Boney was always the source of the humor. Boney was an exceptionally loving, kind and talented man who took enormous pride in his family and those he worked for and served. Boney truly loved pizza, and not just good pizza, but the very best pizza—Mainstreet Lunchbox pizza!

Boney attended school in Wessington and played football, basketball, and also started learning how to play his favorite instrument—the trumpet. After graduating in 1986 from Wessington High School, Boney attended Mitchell Technical Institute, and graduated with a power line degree. Boney then moved to Miller, and started working for the street department. Eventually, Boney became the manager for Miller’s water and sewer departments, Miller’s airport, and the city’s pool as well. There is nothing, within the city limits of Miller, that Boney has not impacted in many positive ways. Boney started Boney’s Parts Plus, a small engine and lawn mower sales company serving the Hand County area, in 1995. Boney loved to work; however, he loved his family and friends more.

Boney married Shelli Dunnick on July 1989, and the two welcomed Ashley Bonebright and Joshua Bonebright into the world. Boney then married Stephanie Resel on September 25, 1999, and the two have been inseparable ever since. Boney and Stephanie have enjoyed years of riding their motorcycle, working in their businesses, and playing with their grandchildren, nieces and nephews together.

Boney served on the Hand County Ambulance, as an EMT, and on the Miller Fire Department. Boney was a member of Wessington Lodge 107, James Valley Shrine, Yeldez Shrine and the Westerners Shrine.

Boney is survived by his wife, Stephanie Bonebright; his children: Ashley Bonebright of Crooks and Joshua Bonebright of Watertown; his grandchildren: Ayden, Emma, and Carter (arriving Aug. '16); his parents, Clair and Marlys Bonebright of Wessington; his brothers: Brian (Deb) Bonebright of Miller and Bruce (Leslee) Bonebright of St. Cloud, MN, his parents-in-law, Duane and Sally Resel of Miller; as well as countless other relatives, friends, co-workers and fans.

Boney was truly one-of-a-kind, and will always be remembered for that. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Boney’s honor at American Bank & Trust in Miller.



PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2016
First Presbyterian Church,
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Friday, July 15, 2016
Miller Armory,
Miller, South Dakota

MINISTER:

Rev. Brian Jones

CASKETBEARERS:

Jazzy Moncur, Ron Hoftiezer, Gordy Gross, Bill Lewellen,
Haydn Herman, Josh Koeck, Terry Manning, David Phinney

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Boney’s grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and countless family & friends

USHERS:

Doug Fritzsche, Chris Heim, Shane Sivertsen, Laine Warkenthien

MUSICIANS:

Janet Fritzsche, Anna Simons, Lorelei Simons
Rapid City Professional Firefighters Pipe and Drum Corps

MUSIC SELECTIONS:

“Hallelujah”, “How Great Thou Art”, “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

INTERMENT:

Beulah Cemetery, rural St. Lawrence, South Dakota