



**HOLMES,
Darren M.
March 15, 1967 -
Jan. 21, 2025**

It is with deep sadness and broken hearts that we share the sudden passing of our beloved husband, father, Papa/Dada, Darren Micheal Holmes on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Born in Regina, Darren was the second oldest of five children. He attended elementary school in Regina. His high school years were spent playing SJHL hockey for Notre Dame in Wilcox and the Yorkton Mallers and Terriers. He returned to graduate at Martin LeBoldus High in Regina. At the age of 16, Darren met Tammy through mutual friends. They would be together from then on, for the rest of his life. From 1988 to 1995 Darren and Tammy lived together in Regina, married and welcomed two amazing children. A son Jesse, and a daughter Rebecca. As the kids approached school age, they began to think about raising their kids in a smaller community. Darren was then employed at a Water Heater Company. In searching for a job, Darren was offered a plumbing apprenticeship in Watrous in 1995. The family relocated to a farm just outside of town, which would eventually turn into Darren and Tammy's dream family home. In September of 2000, Darren and Tammy decided to start their own business and DMH Plumbing & Heating was born. Darren took great pride in being a business owner, teaching and guiding many apprentices, including his son that worked alongside him for almost 10 years. Darren let his hard work and craftsmanship speak for itself. DMH Plumbing has been in business for 25 years! Darren was a "Die Hard" Saskatchewan Roughriders fan and season ticket holder for 23 years. Taking his family across Canada to every stadium in the CFL to watch a Riders game. He took no greater joy than attending a Rider game with his grandchildren. Darren enjoyed riding his Harley, endless Argo rides with his best friend Tammy and grandchildren and many family trips, including special trips to Florida with his kids and grandchildren. He always wanted the farm to be a place of fun and enjoyment for his grandchildren. He even took on a special project by himself building a pool complete with a beautiful deck and heating system just for them. This has provided countless memories of fun with family and friends over the years. Above all, the most important thing to Darren in life was his family. Tammy was Darren's love of his life, business partner and best friend. They did absolutely everything together and their love was larger than life. Jesse and Rebecca were Darren's pride and joy.

He was the most amazing father and idol to his children, and they were an extremely close family. Not a day went by that his family didn't know how loved, supported, cared for and protected they were by Darren. Being a grandpa was always a dream of Darren's. When his grandchildren were born he devoted all of his time, love and energy into making them feel as they were his entire world, and they were. He was the most dedicated, loving, funny, energetic, Dada/Papa there was. His grandchildren absolutely adore him.

Darren will be remembered and missed by the love of his life, his wife Tammy Holmes (Gilbert) who he has proudly been with for 42 years; his two children Jesse and Rebecca (Thomas) Mark; his mother Paulette Holmes and his four siblings, including a special bond with his sister Shaunon (Todd) Stafford; brother Jason; best friend and honorary brother Pete (Boyes). Darren also leaves behind the absolute light of his life - his grandchildren Connor, Desmond, Blake, Emilia and Austin; and his nieces and nephews, Robbie (Alex) Holmes and their son Henry; Brittany, Lucas, Courtney (Ryan), Ashlee, Jake, Zachary, and Latasha; his mother-in-law Gwen (Gilbert), brothers and sisters-in-law Kim (Gilbert), Geoff (Shannon) Gilbert, Mick (Parmar) and four nieces and nephews Camryn, Eden, Ajay and Sammy; as well as many close friends, employees, customers and members of the community.

Darren was predeceased by his grandparents; special grandfather "Gumpy" - Ralph Gronnerud; his father, father-in-law Brian Gilbert, sister-in-law Andrea Parmar and his buddy Al Cross.

Memorial service was held at Watrous Civic Centre on January 31 conducted by Pastor Darren Holland.

Tammy Holmes was urnbearer. Register attendants were Penny Brown, Avril Reifferscheid and Terri Amendt. Doug Schultz, Keith Farnel, Ben Williams and Travis Nykolaishen were ushers. Eulogy was given by Geoff Gilbert. Don Campbell, Rebecca Mark and Jesse Holmes gave tributes. Tribute video Watrous Funeral Home. Pastor Darren Holland gave the meditation. Gratitude was given by Tammy Holmes. Melanie Gunderson and Karen Schroeder-Mark, memorial reception.

A private family interment will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to Royal Canadian Legion or Heart & Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan would be appreciated.

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