

### WAYNE LESLEY BAKER

Wayne Baker, 52, of New Sharon, died Sunday, August 25, 2013, at the Comfort House in Pella. A memorial service was held Thursday, August 29, 2013, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial will be held privately at a later date in the Garrett Cemetery near Delta. The family strongly prefers, in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions may be made to the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook or offer condolences to the family at [www.hollandcoble-funeralhome.com](http://www.hollandcoble-funeralhome.com).

Wayne Lesley Baker was born October 5, 1960, in Iowa City, the son of Walter Raymond Baker and Claudia Marie Hunter. He attended Tri-County Schools through the eighth grade. At age 17, Wayne began his career as a truck driver. Over the years he has driven for Hummer and R.E. Allen. Eventually he became the owner/operator of Wayne Baker Trucking. He enjoyed fishing, camping, watching movies and an occasional trip to the casino. Wayne also enjoyed social outreach on Facebook and working on semis with his son-in-law. He will be remembered as a hard working, honest and caring person. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Baker.

He is survived by a son, Wayne Jr. (Roseanne) Thomas of Knoxville; a daughter Brittany (Jesse) Bernier of Hartley; two step sons: Steven Wales and Dustin Vancenbrock both of Bussey; two step daughters: Tiffany Weeks of Knoxville and Jennifer (Rusty) Darland of Barnes City; two brothers: Bob Baker of Minnesota and Dave Baker of Lisbon; three sisters: Katy (Art Shafer) Baker of New London, Linda (Brian) Smith of Oxford and Karen (John) Tucker of Solon.

Wayne also leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Elizabeth Weeks, Colin Weeks, David Weeks, Allison Weeks, Emma Dykstra, Ryan Wales, Ty Wales, Vanessa Wales, Makayla Darland and Makenna Darland.