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## JOHN PIAS MINOR JR

June 28, 1959 - July 28, 2023

John Pias Minor Jr., 64, beloved son, brother, father, and grandfather, passed away at his residence in Sully, July 28, 2023.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on August 11, at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell. A luncheon will follow the service in the Heritage Room at the Smith Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to benefit in his memory (please write checks to his daughter, Alyssa Lambert) and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

John Pias Minor, Jr. was born June 28, 1959 to Rita McKeag and John Minor Sr. in Grinnell. As a child, John's adventurous spirit was evident, and he spent countless hours exploring the beauty of the Iowa countryside. He grew into a skilled and talented welder and was loved by family and friends.

In his leisure time, John found solace in fishing, a passion he embraced throughout his life. Whether casting his line into a serene lake or a bubbling stream, the quiet moments spent fishing brought him a sense of peace and connection with nature.

John's love for sports was evident in his enthusiastic support of the Iowa Wild Hockey team and the Iowa Barnstormers arena football team. He would often be found cheering loudly from the stands, sharing the excitement of the game with his fellow friends.

Family was at the center of John's heart, and he treasured the moments he spent with his daughter, Alyssa Lambert, and her husband, Justin Lambert.

He took great pride in being a grandfather to Logan Hunter, Allison Lambert, and Katelyn Lambert. Their laughter and joy brought immense happiness to John's life, and he cherished every opportunity to be a part of their lives. In this time of grief, may we find comfort in the memories we shared with John and the love he brought into our lives. As we say goodbye to a beloved son, brother, father, and grandfather, may we keep his spirit alive in our hearts and continue to find joy in the passions he held dear.

John is survived by his daughter, Alyssa (Justin) Lambert of Kellogg; grandchildren, Logan Hunter, Allison Lambert, and Katelyn Lambert; his mother, Rita (Roger) Beason of Montezuma; and his siblings, David Minor of Indianola, and Lonnie Minor of Germany. He was preceded in death by his father.

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John Pias Minor, Jr. was born in Grinnell on June 28, 1959, the son of Rita McKeag and John Minor Sr. He grew into a skilled and talented welder who found solace in fishing in his leisure time throughout his life. He loved sports, especially the Iowa Wild Hockey team and the Iowa Barnstormers arena football team. Family was at the center of John's heart.

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