

Wayne Lloyd Lettau passed away on March 15, 2023, at the age of 59.

Wayne was born in Sturgis, SD, on March 16, 1963 to Levert and Janet (Jarding) Lettau. He graduated from Newell High School, where he met his wife, Susan. The two married on June 6, 1987. After high school, Wayne attended South Dakota State University and National College. Those stops led him into a career with American Transport that spanned over 30 years. That's a true testament to the loyalty Wayne showed to those he cared about.

In his free time Wayne was very active in the community. He competed in pool leagues, created one-of-a-kind woodworking projects, and emersed himself in the motorcycle culture. Wayne worked hard to keep motorcycle riders safe. He taught a motorcycle safety course for 19 years and was an active member for A.B.A.T.E of South Dakota, along with Susan. These contributions earned the couple recognition as members of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame in 2020.

Anyone who encountered Wayne knows he loved to tell stories. He will be remembered for epic tales shared with friends from around the world on the front porch. He will be remembered for stories of adventures past on the sage brush scrubland of Butte County. His nieces and nephews were often left laughing but sometimes rolling their eyes at the things he told them. Anyone who took the time to listen was lifted in ways they may not have noticed at the time. Wayne's big spirit was always on display and the world is better because of it.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Susan; brothers, Dan (Tammy) Lettau, Pierre, SD, and Larry (Barbara Jean) Lettau, Sour Creek, TX; sisters, Blinda Tope, Belle Fourche, SD, and Kela (Steve) Keiry, Nisland, SD. Wayne is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Levert Lettau; mother, Janet Bawdon; stepfather, Elmer Kivimaki; and brother, Kim Lettau.

A memorial has been established to MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation).

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *A Celebration Of Life*



*Wayne Lloyd Lettau*

*March 16, 1963 - March 15, 2023*





Can you feel the wind in Heaven  
Can you hear me call your name  
Can you see the tears that fall  
This world wont ever be the same



Can you feel the wind in Heaven  
When we gather in our group  
Can you hear the sound of silence  
When we look where you once stood.

Can you feel the wind in Heaven  
Can you hear the ladies cry  
Can you feel our broken hearts  
When we have to say goodbye

Can you feel the wind in Heaven  
While the men hold back the tears  
Leather clad and watery eyes  
And know we'd rather have you here

I hope there is a Biker Heaven  
And we will meet again someday  
I hope to feel the wind in Heaven  
And shake your hand again that day



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Wayne Lloyd Lettau**

*Born*  
March 16, 1963  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Died*  
March 15, 2023  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Funeral Service*  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 2:00 p.m.  
Hale Hall  
Whitewood, South Dakota

*Officiant*  
Pastor Harold Delbridge

*Musical Selections*  
"The Dance"  
"The Chair"

*Pallbearers*  
Brandon Gatzke   James Hunter   Zachary Tope  
Tate Gatzke   Chase Lettau   Lane Lettau

*Final Resting Place*  
At a Later Date