



## Thomas Karl Van Pelt

Thomas Karl Van Pelt, son of Timothy and Linda (Pingrey) Van Pelt, was born February 22, 1979, in Mitchell, SD. He grew up in the Mitchell area and graduated from Mitchell High School. He furthered his education at Mitchell Technical Institute enrolling in the Telecommunications Program.

Tom worked in the telecommunications field for nearly 20 years. He was employed by SDN communications, Vantage Point Solutions, and Verizon. He most recently worked for SDN Communications as a

network technician.

Tom was united in marriage to Tia Voyles on August 4, 2007. Their new family included daughters, Ali and Hannah, who were soon followed by Tessa and Levi. He was a devoted, kind, and loving father and husband. His children were his top priority.

Tom resided in Sioux Falls for many years before following the call of the Black Hills where he could enjoy his love of nature. The Sturgis motorcycle rally was a huge part of Tom's life; he has not missed a year since 1998. He enjoyed the wind on his face, the rumble of the engine, and was always happiest when on his bike. In 2014, he made Piedmont his home. It was the happiest time of his life.

Tom enjoyed working in his shop and around the yard. He was always working on one project or another taking pride in all his work. He loved spending time with his children taking them for hikes in the hills, on ATV rides, and teaching them about the outdoors. He loved riding through the hills on his motorcycle with his friends and brothers from all over the country. Needles Highway was his favorite ride.

Thomas Karl Van Pelt, 39, of Piedmont, SD, passed away on May 13, 2018, near Bear Butte Sturgis, SD.

Grateful for having shared his life are his loving wife, Tia (Voyles); his four amazing children, Aliyah (Charlie) Kono, Sioux Falls, SD, Hannah, Mitchell, SD, and Tessa and Levi, Piedmont, SD; his parents, Timothy and Linda Van Pelt, Mitchell, SD; his sister, Becki Van Pelt, Omaha, NE; his mother and father-in-law, Robert "Bob" and Cindy Voyles; his brother-in-law, Jesse (Kayla) Voyles; a large extended family; and his friends from the Brother's Keepers Motorcycle Club and US Military Vets Motorcycle Club.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Hazel Van Pelt; grandparents, Karl and Gertrude Van Pelt, Sadie Paul, and Herbert Pingrey; uncle, Nick Van Pelt; aunt, Tammy Oller; and good friend, Mike Kutz.

Tom will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He would do anything to help a friend, but most of all anything for his wife and children.

A memorial has been established.

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



## In Loving Memory



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1979 ~ 2018

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*"I Love You Six Sticks"*



### ***The Motorcyclist Prayer***

***Lord, as I ride this cycle, keep my hands in Yours. Let me enjoy my life of freedom while keeping me safe from harm. Allow the beauty of life to dazzle me, but keep my feet firmly on the pegs. Guide me down the twisting roads leading me to tomorrow, while keeping me on the straight and narrow of today. Help me have patience with others so I won't endanger others or myself. Bring me safely to the arms of my loved ones. Help me remember that You are always my passenger. Let me live life to the fullest until You call me. In Your name we pray. Amen.***



***In Loving Memory Of***

## ***Thomas Karl Van Pelt***

### ***Born***

February 22, 1979  
Mitchell, South Dakota

### ***Died***

May 13, 2018  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Services***

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.  
Hills View Evangelical Free Church  
Piedmont, South Dakota

### ***Officiant***

Pastor Mitch Hildebrant

### ***Musical Selections***

"Something To Remember You (When I'm Gone)"  
"Remember When" "Broken Halo's"  
"Drink A Beer"

### ***Pallbearers***

Byron Tollefson ~ Sam Hoffart ~ Ky Palmer  
Torrey Van Pelt ~ Trever Baker ~ Lonnie Hall  
R J Ludwick ~ Scott Culver ~ Phil Franklin ~ Jesse Morgan

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

Brothers Keepers Motorcycle Club, North Dakota Chapter  
U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club, South Dakota Chapter

### ***Interment***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota