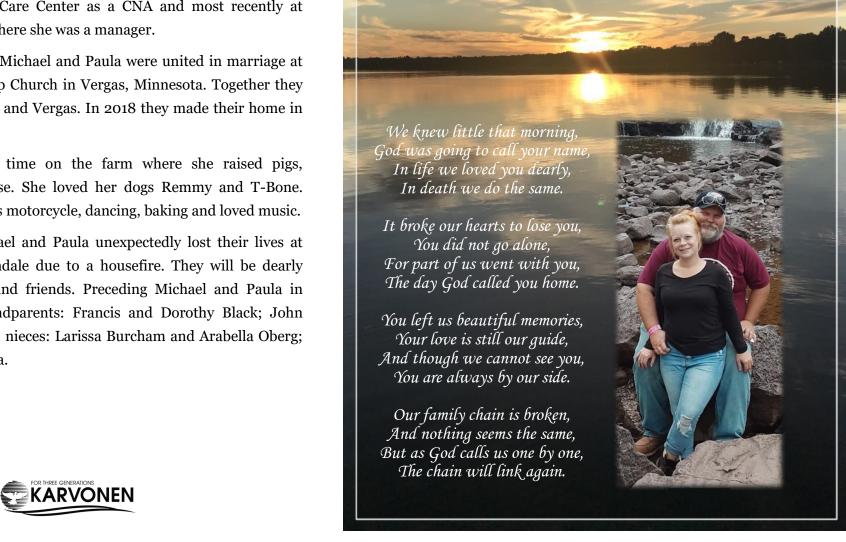
Michael Darren Black was born on November 29, 1974 to William and June (Olson) Black in Hannibal, Missouri. In 1984, their family moved to Minnesota. Michael attended Verndale High School where he was involved in football and wrestling, graduating with the class of 1993. Following high school, he was the owner and operator for Magnum Trucking, was employed by drywall suppliers in Fargo, Badger Company out of Watford City and Dickinson, and most recently PSC out of Fargo.

Paula Jean Larson was born on May 14, 1979 to Duane and Debra (Uhl) Larson in Fargo, North Dakota. She attended Frazee High School where she enjoyed cheerleading, graduating with the class of 1998. She was employed at the Frazee Care Center as a CNA and most recently at Burger King in Wadena where she was a manager.

On September 28, 2002, Michael and Paula were united in marriage at the Lakes Area Fellowship Church in Vergas, Minnesota. Together they resided in Fargo, Hawley, and Vergas. In 2018 they made their home in Verndale, Minnesota.

Paula enjoyed spending time on the farm where she raised pigs, chickens, goats, and geese. She loved her dogs Remmy and T-Bone. Michael enjoyed riding his motorcycle, dancing, baking and loved music.

On August 1, 2021 Michael and Paula unexpectedly lost their lives at their home in rural Verndale due to a housefire. They will be dearly missed by their family and friends. Preceding Michael and Paula in death are Michael's grandparents: Francis and Dorothy Black; John David; and Shirley Olson; nieces: Larissa Burcham and Arabella Oberg; and Paula's mother: Debra.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael & Paula

Black

# Michael Darren Black

#### Born

November 29, 1974 Hannibal, Missouri

#### Died

August 1, 2021 Verndale, Minnesota

## **Survived By**

Father: William Black; mother: June McDougall; sons: David Sepanski; and Ethan Black; and Wyatt Black; daughters: Emma Black; and Chloe Black; sisters: Karen (Dave) Burcham; Diane Black; and Veronica Schaefer; brothers: Kevin and Cory Black; and numerous aunts, uncles, and friends



#### Born

May 14, 1979 Fargo, North Dakota

### **Died**

August 1, 2021 Verndale, Minnesota

# **Survived By**

Father: Duane Larson; sister: Jodi; brother: Robby; and grandmother: Irene; many other relatives and a host of friends



Service Karvonen Funeral Home Wadena, Minnesota Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**Clergy** Pastor Larry Vosika

**Special Music** Emma Black

**Laid to Rest** Green Lawn Cemetery Verndale, Minnesota

