



Kyle "Dirt" Derke

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Kyle Derke, lovingly known as "Dirt," passed away on March 21, 2025, at the age of 58 in Burnsville, MN. Born on June 29, 1966, in Stoughton, WI, Kyle lived a life filled with love, music, and an unwavering devotion to his family and friends.

Kyle is survived by his wife, Debra Derke; his beloved daughters, Megan (Anish) Thapa, Nicole Derke, and Paige (Mitch) Galles. He is preceded in death by his parents, Judith (Sandvig) Derke and Dennis Derke, as well as his brother, Kent Derke.

A true music enthusiast, Kyle's love for 80's rock was more than just a passion-it was a way of life. As a bass guitarist in multiple bands, he found joy in playing music and sharing that energy with anyone willing to jam. Whether on stage or in a casual gathering, music was his heartbeat, and his love for it was infectious.

Kyle was also an avid NASCAR fan and a devoted Minnesota Vikings supporter, always cheering on his team through every high and low. Some of his fondest memories were spent at the family cabins in Mirror Lake State Park, a place built by his father and cherished by generations, as well as at

Ladwig's Pine Arbor Resort.

Above all, Kyle was surrounded by people who loved him. His humor, kindness, and easygoing nature made him a friend to many and a stranger to none. His memory will live on in the music he played, the friendships he built, and the love he gave so freely.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 30th at 12 PM at Wasburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, MN. Visitation one hour prior. A celebration of Kyle's life will be held in Stoughton at a later date. The family requests that you play your favorite 80's rock song in his honor and turn up the volume-just like he would have wanted.

Rock on, Dirt. You will be deeply missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Deb, Megan, Nicole and Paige - We are sending you all prayers and sympathy for your loss of Kyle. Terri Kelly and Ernie Waletzki*

TERRI KELLY - March 30, 2025 at 11:16 AM

KM

“ *Deb, Megan, Nicole, and Paige, I'm sorry to hear about Kyle. Kelly Metz*



Kelly Metz - March 29, 2025 at 08:17 PM

FF

“ *From Matt and Brad at State Farm purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kyle "Dirt" Derke.*



From Matt and Brad at State Farm - March 27, 2025 at 03:41 PM

CL

“ *Deb. and daughters, we are sorry to hear about Kyle. he will be missed. Cliff and Lori Hanson.*

Cliff - March 27, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kyle "Dirt" Derke.



March 25, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kyle "Dirt" Derke.

March 24, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Kyle "Dirt" Derke.



March 24, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers*



Barb Bleiler - March 24, 2025 at 06:40 PM

PD

“ Penny Drogsvold-Miller lit a candle in memory of Kyle "Dirt" Derke



Penny Drogsvold-Miller - March 24, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PD

“ Thoughts and prayers to Kyle's family, friend and classmates will deeply miss the Derkster Rockstar

Penny Drogsvold-Miller - March 24, 2025 at 06:15 PM

RO

“ Kyle "Dirt" was one of my best friends I ever had and taught me how to run professional sound for live bands. He will be truly missed. R.I.P. Dirt.



Rondo - March 24, 2025 at 05:46 PM

MH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Kyle and his family. The class of 1984 will miss you. Michael T. Heitke

Michael T Heitke - March 24, 2025 at 04:57 PM