



Derek Scott Hjerleid

July 10, 1970 - January 17, 2026

Derek Scott Hjerleid, age 55, of Brookfield, MO; passed away Saturday morning, January 17, 2026.

Derek Scott was born on July 10, 1970, to Barbara Faye (Brown) and Stanley Orin Hjerleid Jr. in Laramie, WY. Derek enjoyed going hunting and fishing. He was a jack of all trades, working on cars, doing home improvements, and even working on computers. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. Derek was a kind gentle person with a big heart, and he will be remembered for his great sense of humor and wit.

Derek is survived by his significant other for over thirteen years, April Parsons; two daughters, Bailee Hjerleid and Kyla Hjerleid; his mother, Barbara Scott; his father, Stanley Hjerleid; one sister, Krista Shuetz; and several other relatives.

There are no scheduled services. Arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

April wrote this poem for Derek

Because of you, I learned so much – gratitude, patience, pain,
and tho it hurts like hell right now – I'd do it all again.

It's us against the world – a promise that held true to our last day,
you'll never know how you changed my life – there's just too many ways.

You were definitely one of the good ones, best man I'll ever know – just one of the reasons, I don't know how I'm supposed to let you go.

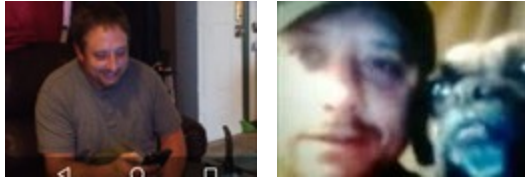
You were a man with such integrity – who gave all that he could give – your life became your legacy, as you showed me how to live.

I'll carry you with me always – but now you're free to fly, give miss Kaya a kiss for me – this is see you later, Never Goodbye....

Tribute Wall

AP

“ *I miss you so much. There just aren't words to explain how hard it's been without you.* ”



April - February 26 at 01:50 AM

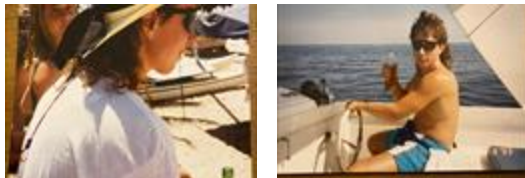
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“ *Derek, what can I say buddy. I know we didn't always see eye to eye , but most the time we did and I have to say you and I did have the same sense of humor as sick & twisted and great as that might be. I could always count on you for a good laugh. I loved listening to your stories. Thank you so very much for being you , and for making my friend April happy. Life can be so unfair, just know that you are in my heart and i'm sad that you're gone but glad you're not hurting anymore. See you on the other side bro!* ”

Jessica Tillman - February 10 at 05:27 PM

VN

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Vincent Nickols - January 28 at 09:43 PM

VN

I'm so saddened to hear that Derek is no longer with us. In time I know that the sadness will fade and his spirit will make me smile when I think of him.

Vincent Nickols - January 28 at 09:46 PM

BM

“ *There will never be another like you buddy. Miss the hell out of ya..*
Bill Moore



Bill Moore - January 27 at 12:31 AM

AP

“ *D- Thank you for the joy you brought to my life. I'll love you always.... April*

April parsons - January 20 at 04:00 PM