



Jeremy S. Jelinek, 27, of Suttons Bay, died Monday evening, Oct. 15, 2012, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

Born Oct. 14, 1985, in Bad Axe, he was the son of Richard Earl and Joy Elizabeth (Froehlick) Jelinek. On Oct. 21, 2006, in Suttons Bay, he married his high school sweetheart, Mandy Britton.

Jeremy attended and graduated from Suttons Bay High School with the class of 2006. He also was enrolled at TBA, where he excelled at welding and was recognized for his abilities at State Competition.

He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. Jeremy also like riding anything that went fast, whether it was his Quad, Harley or his snowmobile. He possessed a great passion for "Big Blue" (his semi).

He was a very successful and well respected third-generation beekeeper. His bees were used by many fruit farmers through out the state for pollination. Jeremy treated every single bee as his baby. He was always experimenting with new methods to make his bees more productive.

Above all, Jeremy was truly a loving devoted family man, who held his family close to his heart. His family meant the world to him. He always had a sparkle in his eyes for his wife and babies. Jeremy will be fondly remembered as a true friend and a caring people person. He was always reaching out to others, with a helping hand.

Jeremy is survived by his wife, Mandy; sons, Wyatt and Cayden; daughter, Elizabeth; father, Rick Jelinek; mother and step-father, Joy and Ken Marotzke; brothers, Sean (Tori) Jelinek, Andrew (Rose) Jelinek; godfather, Robert Jelinek; and nephews, Jack (Godson) and Judd; mother and father-in-law, Tom and Karen Britton; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and John Ostlund; sister-in-law, Erin Britton and her friend, Joe Gardner; along with grandparents, many aunts, uncles and extended family members.

Funeral Services will be conducted at Suttons Bay High School's gymnasium at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012, The Rev. Kent Lee will officiate.

The Jelinek Family will greet friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 203 North Lincoln St. in Suttons Bay, and from 1 p.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the school. May his soul rest in peace.

In remembrance of Jeremy, memorials may be directed to Jeremy's Fund c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church, to be used for a scholarship fund to benefit his children.

Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Arrangements were made with the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Traverse City.