



## Francis E. Stride

April 27, 1968 - August 8, 2011

Francis Edward Stride was born to Francis Edward Stride on April 27, 1968, at Watertown, South Dakota, and he passed away August 8, 2011, at home in Exeter, Nebraska at the age of 43 years, 3 months, and 11 days. He was one of 4 children in the family.

Francis graduated from Lincoln High School in 1987 and then he attended Central Community College in Hastings for Truck Driving School. He recently had been driving a truck for several years for Friend Freightways. On September 30, 1989 he married Lorianna M. Francisco, and together they raised 4 children.

Francis was a hard working man, always joking and easy to make laugh. He was an amazing brother, husband, and father. He adored and loved his family very much. The relationships that were most important to him were his wife, kids, and granddaughter. Those were the people that most influenced his life. When he was young he liked to fish, play football and swim at Bowling Lake. When he had free time he still enjoyed fishing, relaxing outdoors, working or fixing up random things, spending time with family and his dogs. He was interested in cars and semis. He collected toy semis and cars and anything that a John Deere logo on it. A lot of people remember him by his camouflage hat, yellow tank t-shirt, driving semis and fixing everything with duct tape and zip ties. He was always about smiles and laughing. Every morning when he was home you'd wake up to the smell of coffee brewing because Lorianna would always have fresh coffee ready for his John Deere coffee mug. Francis thoroughly enjoyed life and accomplished everything he could, and he was proud of everything he accomplished in his life.

Francis was preceded in death by his grandparents Herald Edward and Edna Mae Stride; and by his brothers Christian Edward Stride and Buddy Edward Stride.

He is survived by his wife Lorianna Marie Stride; daughters Whitney Marie McDonald, Jordin Due and husband Anthony, Hunter KayLn Lea Stride; son Austin Francis Stride; sister Kacy Wanek; father Francis Edward Stride; and great granddaughter Tyler Marie Due.

Funeral services for Francis were held on Friday, August 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Friend Christian Assembly in Friend, Nebraska with Pastor Jerry Gill officiating the services. Pallbearers for the service included Austin Stride, Mark White, Troy Moses, Anthony Due, Phil Woodmancy, and Mike Woodmancy. Honorary bearers included Jad

Dorsey and Bo Mattox. Interment was in the Exeter Cemetery with Farmer & Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials are directed to the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Great man great husband and Father and G-PA. I am blessed to have known him. I know he will be with you all in your hearts and always watching over you. Anything you need please let me know.

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**Michael Hayes** - August 11, 2011 at 02:23 PM