

# Rest in Peace --- Rick Beam

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least. As much as we have admired and respected Rick over the years, there are people who knew Rick far better than we do.

Myron Behrendsen & Rick met as young men of 18, working at a meat packing plant in Manilla Iowa. Myron reminisced that they became best buddies, hoping one day they could move to Arizona and open a bike shop. 6 years later that dream came true. Rick worked with Myron to establish Behrendsen's Custom Cycles. The two of them "had a blast and went places that lots of people only dream about. Rick was a very creative person. He's also the guy that found me my first chopper, which started my life in motorcycles. Rick was and will truly be missed. I love you man. Have a sidecar ready for me."

share his enthusiasm and promise to carry on his legacy."

Rick is survived by his parents Ralph and Alys Beam; two sisters, Diane (Kenny) Bauer and Cindy (Scott) DeLance; two sons, Mat (Linsey) Beam and Jared Beam; granddaughter Ayla Beam; plus nieces & nephews. He returned home to be laid to rest in Manilla, IA.

We add our condolences to those being expressed to his family and loved ones.

With respect,

*Betsy & Bruce*

The news posted by Hugo Robles was hard to read and even more difficult to believe. "On the morning of Saturday June 1st, Rick passed away from complications that were the result of 3 aneurysms he suffered 3 weeks ago."

Rick Beam was an extremely well-respected & liked member of Arizona's motorcycle community. His Celebration of Life, held Saturday June 22 at Jolie's Place in Chandler, was filled with well-wishers, mourners, friends, & family. It was a heart-warming turnout. The day included stories & memories, photos & music, laughter & tears. Those who rode in fired up their bikes in a roaring tribute.

We knew Rick through business. His knowledge of the motorcycle industry was impressive to say the

He was 'the counter guy' at Chandler Custom Cycles, and right-hand-man to owner Harold Fischer since the day he purchased Behrendsen's Custom Cycles. Harold shared, "After spending 21 years working together, there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of him. He was like a brother to me."

Most recently, Rick was an integral part of the transition when Harold sold Chandler Custom Cycles to Hugo Robles ... helping to create the KickAZ Cycles that we know today. Hugo wrote, "Rick was very enthusiastic about the direction we are heading as KickAZ Cycles. On behalf of the KickAZ Cycles team we

