

Gone But Not Forgotten

*Thomas L. "Coyote" Bateman
May 30, 1961 - November 26, 2010*

We lost an extraordinary person on November 26, 2010. To all who called him friend, "Coyote" will be truly missed.

Sometime in the middle of the night or early morning of the 26th, Tom was adding a pallet to the fire they had going at Turkey Flats when he fell into the fire. He had severe burns to his left hand, especially his finger tips; and burns to his right wrist. He also had superficial burns on his back. He was talking and joking with the nurses, which sounds just like Tom - lol. When he arrived at the Lake Havasu Hospital they gave him fluids and something for the pain. They then transported him to the Phoenix burn center. En route to the hospital, Tom's heart stopped. They did everything they could to resuscitate him but unfortunately he did not make it.

Tom "Coyote" Bateman has been an icon in the Motorcycle community through out all of Arizona. As a Road Captain with the Red Iron Brotherhood MC and the Eagle Riders he safely lead many on several journeys all across Arizona. As an A.B.A.T.E. PAC officer you can be sure that any news as to our rights and safety was always passed on. Coyote was also a member of many Motorcycle Riding Organizations. Basically, you could say riding was his life. His 2008 FLTHC bought new, had 60,000 miles on it.

Coyote was also a civic minded person belonging to the Patriot Guard Riders, Eagles, and Moose.

As a person, Coyote was always lively and surprisingly different. His approach to life was as unorthodox as some of his remarks. He was never anything else than blunt and to the point and if a person didn't like him, they didn't know him. As strong as he would sound, once you talked with him you would see a very caring soul with no time for arrogance.

Coyote was a family man also, with 2 sons and a daughter. He will be missed. His memory will travel with all of us as we ride and our memories will keep him alive in our hearts. God has called him for his personal Road Captain and all we can say is RIDE LIKE THE WIND, BROTHER.

Coyote was born on May 30, 1961 in Elgin, IL. Besides his love for motorcycles, he enjoyed discussing politics and spending time with his family and friends.

He leaves behind his beloved family - father, Thomas L. Bateman Sr. (Merry) of Round Lake, IL and mother Elaine R. Schell (Bob) of Lamar, CO; two sons, Thomas L. Bateman II of Springfield, CO and Robert A. Bateman serving in Germany; daughter Christine A. LeBaron; brother Glenn Bell; sisters, Darlene Manning of Texas and Kathy Badie of Florida; and one grandson, Camrin.

