

In Memory of Morgan Primm

It is with the deepest sorrow that we mourn the death of Morgan Lee Primm, age 30. Morgan left this world on Saturday, November 18, 2017 as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. He was born at 9:12pm Saturday, April 11, 1987 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois, the son of Mike and Kayla (Krone) Primm. He was raised in Athens, Illinois with his parents and siblings, Shawn, Keri, Casey, and Nate. He lived down the road from his paternal grandparents and Primrose Farm.

He attended Athens schools, where he was active in basketball and baseball. He graduated from Athens High School in 2005 and continued his education at Illinois Central College in Peoria, Illinois in the two-year Caterpillar Dealer Service Technician program. He worked for several years at the Altorfer Cat dealer in Springfield, Illinois. In 2010, when he was still working full-time for Altorfer, Morgan started his own business on the side, Midwest Diesel and Auto. He worked long hours, working at his full-time job during the day and then coming home to work in the shop during the evenings. In 2013, he quit his job at Altorfer to build his business. Morgan helped with the family farm throughout his life and recently took over operations of the farm along with his brothers.

Morgan met his wife, Darci, at Athens High School. Their first date was on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at the Spring Dance. They were married six years later on that same date in 2011 at the First Christian Church in Petersburg, Illinois and celebrated their wedding reception at the shop. They started their life together living in a “shed house”—a storage shed on the farm that Morgan built into a two-story house. It was in that house their first son, Marshall Lee, was born into the world in 2014. They later moved to another home in Athens, where their second son, Daniel Robert, was born in 2016. Morgan had great love for his wife and sons. He will be remembered as a caring and loving husband and father.

From a young age, Morgan had a strong mechanical aptitude, constantly repairing machines and building things. Teachers sometimes sent him home with broken pencil sharpeners to repair. His drive to repair and build never ceased as he built and grew an incredibly successful company with several employees.

Morgan was active in the Illinois and National Truck Pulling circuits both as a competitor and as an organizer. He began his truck pulling career by pulling his personal trucks, including his first truck, a 1995 Ford F-150, at the local Menard County Fair. He built a 1978 F-250 gas engine pull truck which ran from 2008-2010. The F-250 made several transformations before he left the gas world. In 2011 and 2012 Morgan was in the process of building a 6.4 Powerstroke pull truck. In June 2013, Midwest Diesel and Auto made the cover of Diesel Power magazine. The Outsider, a 2009 Ford F-350 Super Duty, had a successful run including qualifying for the Saturday night truck pull in the 2.6 diesel class at Scheid’s Diesel Extravaganza in Terre Haute, Indiana. The Outsider was featured in the September 2014 issue of Diesel Power magazine. Due to changes in rules in 2015, The Outsider was retired as Morgan began building other trucks to compete, including a Dodge. In the 2017 season, his pull trucks included the Midwest Diesel and Auto 6.4 Powerstroke, driven by his friend Patrick Marler, and the Performance Calibrations, Inc. 6.7 Powerstroke, driven by Morgan himself. Both finished out the season strong.

Morgan served as truck pull superintendent of the Menard County Fair, organizing the truck and tractor pulling events. He helped to develop rules for the various truck pulling organizations in the area. In September 2017, Midwest Diesel and Auto partnered with Illini Outlaw Diesel to host the first annual Fall Truck Brawl at the Menard County fairgrounds, which included truck pulls, dirt drags, show-n-shine and dyno testing.

Morgan had a brilliant mind, passion, and a vision for the future. He had several plans that have been tragically cut short. Although he was only 30, he led a full life and had countless achievements. Morgan was an irreplaceable friend, and a loving father, husband, and son. His laughter caused everyone around him to smile with him. He would do anything for anyone, and treated everyone with respect. He will be lovingly remembered and missed enormously.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 24, 2017 from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at Mott & Henning Funeral Home in Athens. Private funeral services will be held and a celebration of life is planned for a later date.

Burial will be held at Indian Point Cemetery near Athens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Athens State Bank for an education fund for his boys.

Mott & Henning Funeral Home is assisting the family. On-line condolences can be shared at www.mottandhenning.com.









