Atchison, KS

Robert "Rob" Alan Horvatic, 53 of Atchison, KS, passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at The University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS.

Memorial service will be 3:00 PM, Monday, July 16, 2018 at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, Atchison, KS. Family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM prior to the service at the funeral home. Per Rob's wishes the family has requested appropriate funeral attire to be worn by those attended. Words of comfort to the family may be left at www.beckerdyer.com.

Rob was born July 29, 1964 in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of Richard and Charlotte (Zemaitis) Horvatic. He loved being a dad and a grandpa. He lived for his family. Rob was the definition of a people person. He never met a stranger, and cared about everyone he met. He was a handyman and a problem-solver. Most remarkably, he brought humor to the people around him, which served him well in his 6-year battle with cancer. He faced the disease courageously and with a tenacity and determination to continue life in a productive, meaningful manner. "When you die, it does not mean that you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and in the manner in which you live."-Stuart Scott 2015.

Rob married Beth Melchior on May 30, 1987. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include his parents, Richard and Charlotte Horvatic, Independence, MO, five children, Adam Trebor and Nicole (Lewis) Horvatic, Leavenworth, KS, Hilary Ann and Jeffrey Jackson, Omaha, NE, Jacob Andrew Horvatic, Kansas City, MO, Seth Joseph Horvatic, Lawrence, KS, Benedict Charles Horvatic, Atchison, KS, two brothers, Kenneth (Patty) Horvatic, Kansas City, MO, Jaime (Terrie) Horvatic, Fort Worth, TX, two sisters, Nancy (Joe) Stegeman, Independence, MO, Susie (Greg) Addison, Independence, MO, two grandchildren; Vivian Lynn-Marie Horvatic, Leo David Jackson, with another baby Jackson due in September, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.