



Jan Van Kooten

February 22, 1976 - July 31, 2024

Jan “Stitch” Van Kooten passed away on July 31, 2024, at the age of 48, after bravely battling cancer for a second time. Jan was born on February 22, 1976, at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Southern California to Marty and Boni Van Kooten, their second child and first-born son. Jan’s greatest joy in life was his daughters, Carley and Hailey. His love for them was fierce and unwavering, and he devoted every moment to ensuring their happiness and well-being. Whether he was spending a quiet day with them or supporting them in their endeavors, Jan’s devotion to his girls was unmatched. They were his world, and his love for them was the driving force behind everything he did.

A craftsman of exceptional skill, Jan had a lifelong passion for all things automotive. This passion translated into a remarkable career where he became known for his extraordinary work in crafting bespoke automotive interiors. His attention to detail and dedication to perfection were evident in every project he undertook, earning him the admiration and respect of all who knew him.

Jan was not only a master of his craft but also a kind, gentle, humble, and loyal individual. He was a fighter, facing life's challenges with quiet strength and always putting others before himself. Even in the midst of his battle with cancer, Jan's determination to be there for his daughters never wavered. His courage and selflessness were an inspiration to all who knew him. Jan is survived by his daughters, Carley and Hailey Van Kooten; parents, Marty and Boni Van Kooten; sister, Annelies (Doug) Hill and her children, Skyelar and Jessie Hill; brother, Bart (Sara) Van Kooten and his children, Benjamin and Liliana Van Kooten. Jan's legacy will live on in the hearts of his family and all those blessed to call him a friend. His love, his talent, and his unwavering devotion to his family will be remembered always. Details for the memorial service will be available at a later date.