

Christopher Schmeling, the son of Willard and Glenyce (Maaland) Schmeling, was born on March 8, 1964 in Emmetsburg, Iowa. He graduated from Emmetsburg High School in 1982. Christopher married Gayle Ann Shearer in October 1988, they were later divorced. Two children were born of this marriage. Christopher married Tanya Halverson in September 2004, they were later divorced. Chris gained four step-children of this marriage and his family continued to grow. Chris loved his family deeply.

Christopher worked as a maintenance supervisor at the Wild Rose Casino. Previous to that, he worked at Lakeside, managing maintenance and spent many years at SkyJack in Emmetsburg. Chris was a dedicated employee and took much pride in his work. He was a volunteer firefighter for nearly a decade in previous years. Chris spent much of his time traveling thousands of miles, without really going anywhere, driving gravel roads in Palo Alto County. He enjoyed fishing and gardening. Chris was the first to arrive to help someone in need and although he wouldn't show it, it was his greatest pleasure. He was a loyal son and servant to his parents. Chris recently discovered the Amtrack train, had taken a couple trips on it and was enthused by seeing all the places it could go. Chris's grandchildren were the light of his life and he enjoyed spending his time with them.

Left to cherish Christopher's memory are his children, Tyler (Raelyn) Schmeling of Pleasant Hill and Molli (Aaron Blachuta) Schmeling of Wayne, OH; step-children Andrew (Rachel) Steffen of Spencer, Adam (Jenny) Steffen of Ruthven, Benjamin (Holly) Halverson of Sanborn, and Elizabeth Duitsman of Waterloo; grandchildren Luke, Hunter, Stella, Lyla, and Tucker Schmeling and Blaiden, Brantley, and Benson Blachuta; parents, Willard and Glenyce Schmeling of Emmetsburg; and brothers, Michael (Teri) Schmeling of Emmetsburg and Scott (Amy) Schmeling of Spirit Lake. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Glen and Charlene Maaland and Otto and Norma Schmeling.

The family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and invite you to a time of fellowship and luncheon immediately following the service.

In Loving Memory of Christopher Schmeling

March 8, 1964

Emmetsburg, Iowa

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March 31, 2026

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FUNERAL SERVICE

3:00 PM Saturday, April 4, 2026

Bethany Lutheran Church

Emmetsburg, Iowa

Officiant - Rev. Peter Morlock

MUSIC

Tim Nielsen - Organist

"In The Garden"

"Amazing Grace"

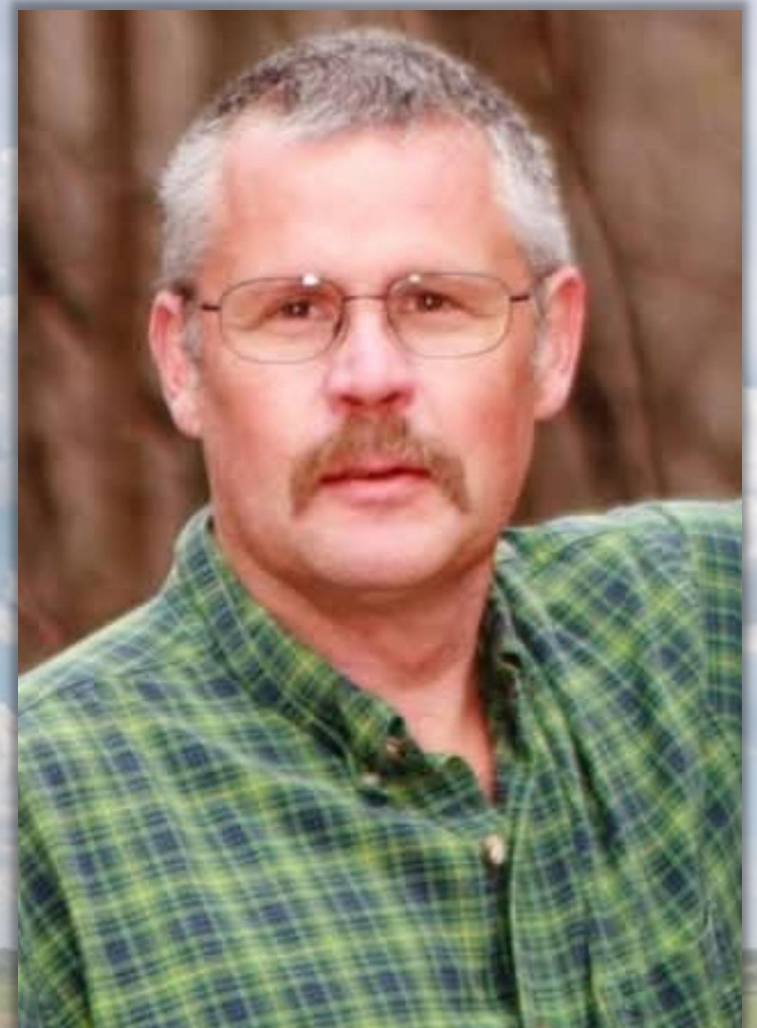
"Borning Cry"

CASKET BEARERS

Aaron Blachuta - Mike Schmeling - Scott Schmeling

Adam Steffen - Andy Steffen - Ben Halverson

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