

Harlan man dies in fishing accident

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. -- A 44-year-old Harlan man drowned Saturday while fishing on a lake northeast of Fergus Falls, authorities in Otter Tail County, Minn. reported.

James T. "Goober" Scheffler and a friend were attempting to land a fish on a lake when items in their boat shifted, reports said, causing the boat to take on water.

Reports said both men tried to swim to shore, but Scheffler went under water approximately 75 feet from shore. The friend made it to shore and called for help. Scheffler's body was found a few hours later.

Graveside services for Scheffler will be held Wednesday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the Harlan Cemetery. A memorial service will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan.

Scheffler is survived by his wife, Lori, of Harlan; mother and father Tyrone Scheffler and Karen Scheffler of Harlan; sons Jesse Specht of Oxford, Wi. and AJ Scheffler of Harlan; daughter Sunshine Scheffler of Harlan; brothers Curt (Cindy) Scheffler, Tom (Jan) Scheffler and Clint (Colette) Scheffler, all of Harlan; and grandfather Omer Scheffler of Logan.