

Merle Schwickerath, 52

Oct. 15, 1958 - July 6, 2011

ANKENY — Merle Schwickerath, 52, passed away July 6, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. A visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 10, 2011, at Ankeny Presbyterian Church, 317 SE Trilein Dr., Ankeny. Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 11, 2011 at the church with Pastoral Intern Laurie Berry and Reverend Sue Tomlinson officiating. Music was provided by pianist Corinne Goodman and vocalist Maggie Voy.

Merle was born October 15, 1958 to Paul and Louise (Bargart) Schwickerath in New Hampton.

Merle married Cheryl Schuster September 11, 1982 at the Shelby Presbyterian Church. He graduated from UNI and worked for Affiliates Management Company. He enjoyed target shooting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. He was a morning regular at the YMCA and a dedicated blood donor. Merle loved his job and those he encountered along the way.

Merle was preceded in death by his mother, Louise Schwickerath, and father-in-law, Bob Schuster. Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Cheryl Schwickerath of Ankeny; children, Chad Schwickerath of Princeton University in New Jersey and Hillary Schwickerath at UNI at Cedar Falls; his father, Paul Schwickerath from New Hampton; siblings, Gordon Schwickerath of New Hampton; Vicki Schwickerath and husband, Ken, Kansas City, MO; Glen (Laura) Schwickerath, Stillwater, MN; Judy Schwickerath, Madison, WI; mother-in-law, Darlene Schuster of Shelby; sister-in-law, Sandy (Buzz) Barlow of Omaha, NE; nieces, Jenny Schwickerath of Stillwater, MN; nephews, Tim (Shelley) Gittins of Ft. Food, TX and Kevin Gittins of Omaha, NE; great nephews and nieces, T.J., Cole and Ike Gittins, and Caitlin and Katarina Gittins.

Internment will be at a later date.

