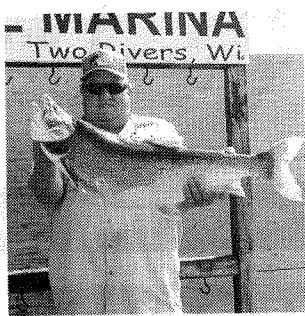


## Marvin Arnold Tanke



**July 8, 1963-Mar. 18, 2025**

Marvin Tanke, 61 of rural Guernsey, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 18, 2025, at his home near Guernsey, on hospice care. Funeral services were Friday, Mar. 21, at the St. John's Lutheran Church south of Victor. Burial was held in the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Memorials may be directed to the Deep River Fire Department or the Morrison-Schrader American Legion Post 296 of Deep River. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Marvin Arnold Tanke, the son of Arnold and Dorothy (Schultz) Tanke, was born on July 8, 1963, in Oskaloosa. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1981. On June 19, 1982, Marvin was united in marriage to Laurie Cranston at the St. John's Lutheran Church near Victor. To this union, three children were born, Kelly, Kyle, and Kami. During high school, Marvin helped Keith Fisch farm. He then worked for Milo Heck Tiling, Donaldson's, along with Kinze, before starting his own business in 1996, MT's Backhoeing and Tiling. Marvin took a lot of pride in his work and built strong relationships with his customers. He enjoyed fishing, especially with his grandchildren, going on salmon fishing trips, mushroom hunting, ranger rides, talking with friends, gardening, and tinkering in his shop with his grandchildren nearby. He was a great metal worker and enjoyed fixing and making things for his family. He also enjoyed hosting his annual shop parties. He was a member of the D & P Mushroom Club. But above all, family was his greatest joy and Poppy was the name his grandchildren gave him. He also had a great love for his dog, Abby.

His memory will be honored by his wife of 42 years, Laurie Tanke, of Guernsey; his children, Kelly (David) Bayer of Guernsey, Kyle (Leslie) Tanke of Wessington Springs, SD, and Kami (Ray) Walters of Deep River; his grandchildren, Emily Bayer, Ryan Bayer, Beth Bayer, Brooklyn Caffee, Myles Tanke, Mary Tanke, R.J. Walters, and Grant Walters; his mother, Dorothy Allen of Barnes City; his siblings, Mark Tanke of Barnes City, Ronnie (Kim) Tanke of Williamsburg, Ruth Tanke of Princeton, IL, Arnold (Kim) Tanke of Newton and Rose Cooper of Gibson; along with many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Marvin is preceded in death by his father, Arnold Tanke and a grandson, Nolan Bayer.

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