

Frederick Schmidt

CLYMAN — Frederick "Rick" J. Schmidt Jr., of Clyman was called home to the Lord suddenly on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at the age of 47 years. He was born in Milwaukee on Nov. 22, 1961, the son of Frederick and Marjorie (Hamilton) Schmidt.



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He is preceded in death by his father, Frederick Sr.; his brother, Gary; and his sister, Lu Ann Schmidt. Rick is survived by his wife, Sherry (Anderson); his children, Mark, Michael, Steven and James Schmidt; his mother, Marjorie Schmidt; his sisters, Judith Montalbano, Pamela (Michael) Mohrhardt, Diane (Wayne) Atkeson; his brothers, William (Rose) Schmidt, John Schmidt and Robert (Kathryn) Schmidt; and many other relatives and friends.

Early in his life, Rick developed a strong passion for cars, music and photography. On June 20, 1981, he married the love of his life, Sherry. During their 28 years of marriage they were blessed with four wonderful sons. His strong Christian faith and love of music led him to join a Christian band, and he loved to share his musical knowledge with others.

Rick was actively involved in photography for over 30 years. He ran his own business, taught at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC), and was a fashion photographer for Kohl's for the past 19 years. Rick also served the community of

Clyman for over 15 years as a volunteer fireman and first responder. He loved to collect classic cars and motorcycles, and a variety of other antiques. You could always find him working on the house, cars, collectibles or whatever needed fixing.

Rick kept busy with his interests but was always there to help friends and family with anything. His sense of humor and personality helped him make friends with just about everyone and left lasting impressions with so many people. Rick was an active, compassionate and devoted father who loved to spend time with his family. His strong love of family was constant, and he always put the needs of others before his own. He was full of life and extremely blessed. Rick will be dearly missed, never forgotten and always loved.

Visitation is today from 2 to 7 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Juneau. The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Paul Schupmann will officiate. Memorials to Rick's sons' college fund, in care of Sherry Schmidt, would be appreciated.

The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home of Juneau is serving the family.

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