
A funeral service was held April 2, 2010, at the Harden Funeral Chapel in What Cheer.

He was born June 18, 1974, in Newton, the son of Clifford and Cheryl McCumber Downing. He was a 1993 graduate of Tri-County High School where he excelled in cross country, track and football. Following graduation he worked for Bender Foundry Services, and later for Douds Stone Inc. where he was a foreman.

He was united in marriage with Teresa Van Patten on May 14, 2000.

He is survived by his parents Michael and Cheryl Armstrong of What Cheer; his father, Clifford S. Downing of Kellogg; his sisters and brothers, Jennifer Rysdam Pavlove of Johnston, Michelle Armstrong and Michael Armstrong Jr. of What Cheer, Jason Downing of Enterprise, Kan., and Justin Downing of Wichita, Kan.; his companion Valerie Miller and her two sons; and his grandmothers, Irene McCumber of Newton, Ardith Armstrong of Oskaloosa and Jolene Jones of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Fred McCumber Sr., Andrew Armstrong, Clifford L. Downing and Chester Jones, and an infant brother, Michael Shane Downing.