Kirk Emmert, age 59, passed away at his home in rural Malcom on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Kirk was born May 12, 1955, to Marvin and Phyllis (McCulloch) Emmert of rural Grinnell. He was educated in the Grinnell-Newburg School District. He was raised on the family farm and farmed with his grandfather and father until their deaths in 1995. Kirk loved tractors, farming, riding his Harley Davidson, and listening to music.

He has a vast knowledge of mechanics and enjoyed working on anything with an engine. He also loved growing plants and his dogs. He will be greatly missed by Nipper, his German Shepherd wolf dog.

He is survived by his companion Mary Weaver Whitehead of Kellogg; three children Kara Emmert of Creston, Mandy Emmert of Newton, and Tait Emmert of Malcom; two sisters Kim Adams (Chad) and Karla Vanderleeest (Dean) both of Grinnell; and several nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.