VICTOR RESIDENT

John Van Hamme, 56

John Van Hamme, age 56 of Victor, passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at his home.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 23, 2018, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with Pastor Jim Dotson officiating. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Visitation was Sunday at the Smith Funeral Home and the family greeted friends Sunday afternoon.

Memorials may be provided to the family and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347. Memories and condolences may be shared with John’s family online at www.smithfh.com.

John Peter Van Hamme was born on June 25, 1961, to Raymond and Ardis (McKusker) Van Hamme in Marengo, Iowa. He was raised in Victor and graduated from HLV High School in 1979.

John was united in marriage to the love of his life, Donita Clark on July 15, 1988 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. The couple resided in the Victor area and John worked for many years at the Iowa Department of Transportation.

John enjoyed life to the fullest. He dearly loved his family and his many dogs. He was an outdoorsman, an avid hunter, fisherman and mushroom hunter. He enjoyed spending time with his five grandchildren, going four-wheeling, fishing, hunting, playing cards and board games with his family, and sitting around a campfire enjoying a beer or two.

John is survived by his wife of 29 years, Donita Van Hamme of rural Victor, Iowa; his step-daughters, Jamey (Ricky) Jenkins of Bolivar, Missouri and Amy (Brian) Longnecker of Belle Plaine, Iowa; grandchildren, Courtney, Rachel Anne and Bradley Jenkins of Bolivar, Missouri; Jakob and Emma Longnecker of Belle Plaine, Iowa; sisters, Sandra Arnold, Mary (Ron) McDonald, and Marie Louis; brother-in-law, Anthony Schirmer; many nieces and nephews; and his faithful dog, General George Patton.

John was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Linda and Alice; twin nieces, Amanda and Andrea; and many beloved dogs.