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Tom was born on June 25, 1965, in Grinnell, the son of Harold and Wanda Beukema Whitaker. He was raised in Grinnell and was a 1984 graduate of Grinnell High School.

In 1989, he was united in marriage to Laura Peak and to this union they had a daughter, Kelsey Ann Whitaker. They later divorced. On November 21,

2000, he was united in marriage to Beth Ann Malcolm, in Grinnell. The couple continued to live in Grinnell.

Tom was employed at DeLongs Sportswear for many years and later was employed at Grinnell College. He was a long-time member of the Grinnell Eagles Club.

Tom enjoyed fishing, camping, and was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Beth, of Grinnell; one daughter, Kelsey Whitaker of West Des Moines; two step-children, Elizabeth (Alex) Smith of Fairbank, Iowa, and Daniel (Morgan) Uhl of Grinnell; two brothers, Dennis of Grinnell and his twin brother, Tim (Karen) of Iowa City; one sister, Ruth Whitaker of Whittier, California; three grandchildren, Weston and Raylan Smith and Gracelynn Uhl; and several nieces and nephew, Deneal (Rob) Etter, Debi Cronin, and Tony Cronin; and a great-nephew, Devin Cronin. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dale Whitaker, in 1960.

