

*John Wayne Schnell* was born in Dickinson North Dakota on January 10, 1956, the son of Willard and Swana Schnell. He had four older siblings at that time and would be joined by two more. The family moved to Miles City, Montana in 1959, where John attended Sacred Heart Elementary School. In 1966, the family returned to Dickinson and he attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and later Dickinson High School and Dickinson State University. John was an avid sports enthusiast, especially enjoying basketball, softball and golf, eventually becoming a coaching assistant for basketball teams at DSU and Belfield High School. John was part of an Angus cattle operation while also working at Stockman's Livestock Auction in Dickinson. His love for dogs enticed him to raise and train blue heeler pups and with his God-given patience and persistence, he did an amazing job! At weeks end, you could find John at his favorite establishment for trivia night with friends and family. He was definitely an asset in music trivia. In 2007, John moved to Vienna, Virginia to help with his uncle's business. Years later he took employment at Dick's Sporting Goods in Maryland as the Golf Department Manager. As a follower of all things basketball, John became an enthusiastic Carolina Tar Heels fan... loved the games and highly revered their coach, Dean Smith. He regularly attended games with his younger brother and good friends. John Schnell was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Swana Schnell; brothers-in-law, Wes Tibbetts and Richard Dafnis. He is survived by six siblings: Judy (Bud) Pauley of Dickinson, Sidney (Gae) Culver of Dickinson, Sonya (Mike) Metzger of Peoria, AZ, Larry (Judi) Schnell of Dickinson, Susan Dafnis of Sun City, AZ, Collin (Michelle) Schnell of Pasadena, MD; step-mother, Linda Schnell; step-sister, Julie (Chris) Elliott; and numerous nieces and nephews.



In Loving Memory  
**John Schnell**  
January 10, 1956 - February 12, 2024







# John Schnell

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Monday, July 1, 2024 12:00 pm

Stevenson Funeral Home

Dickinson, North Dakota

## **INURNMENT**

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Dickinson, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS BY**

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*A meal will be served in the fellowship room  
following a time of sharing.*

*Everyone is welcome.*

