



Kenneth Wayne Schalk

June 8, 1965 - September 30, 2025

Kenneth “Kenny” Wayne Schalk, age 60, of Odessa, Missouri, passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at his home surrounded by his wife, family, and hospice care.

A memorial service to celebrate Kenny’s life will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, Holden, Missouri. Visitation will be one hour prior to service.

Kenny was born on June 8, 1965, at Research Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Harold Wayne Schalk and Beverly June (Greer) Schalk. He graduated from Holden High School in 1984. On January 8, 2024, he was united in marriage to Chariza Tumulak Berdon, and together they were blessed with one son.

For the past 25 years, Kenny was employed as a licensed plumber with Local 8 Plumbers & Gasfitters in Kansas City, Missouri, working throughout the metro area and across the Midwest. He especially enjoyed traveling for union jobs at nuclear power plants, with southwest Michigan becoming a special “second home.” Earlier in his career, he worked with Zuris Construction in Grain Valley, Missouri, as both a plumber and heavy equipment operator.

Kenny will be remembered for his honesty, quick sarcastic humor, and his

willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by his wife, Chariza Schalk of the home; his children, Eric Hackler of Lone Jack, MO, Brittany Willoughby of Independence, MO, Kyle Schalk of Independence, MO, Asher Schalk of the home, and step-son Jan Kendrick Lopera of the home; eight grandchildren, Hayden, Aaron, Jaden, Anders, Cooper, Elizabeth, Renea, and Gabriel; one great-grandson, Dalton; his mother, Beverly Schalk of Holden, MO; and his brother and sister-in-law, Gregg and Billie Schalk of Garden City, MO.

Kenny's presence and generous spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Jeff Kime

Jeff Kime - October 18, 2025 at 07:11 AM

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