



## John Charles Scharlau

August 7, 1960 - September 2, 2024

John Charles Scharlau, 64, formerly of Mason City, passed away on Monday, September 2, 2024 at Manly Specialty Care.

John was born on August 7, 1960 in Mason City to Lynn and Alice (Ashford) Scharlau. He attended Mason City schools and graduated in 1978 from Mason City High School. On May 21, 1983, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Tina (Bitker) Scharlau until her passing in 2012.

John worked as a plumber for Clausen Plumbing and Heating for over 35 years. He was very knowledgeable and experienced, teaching classes for the local Plumbers & Steamfitters Unions' apprenticeship training. John was always helping others with home or vehicle repairs.

John enjoyed riding his bike, tinkering with computers and playing cards. Although he was generally a quiet person, John could also be very opinionated, talking at length about subjects he was interested in. He enjoyed watching movies and could recall everything that happened during the film in detail.

Those left to cherish his memory include his three children: Brian (JoAnn) Scharlau, Brent Scharlau and Brandon Scharlau; grandchildren: Jacob Scharlau and Freya Scharlau; father, Lynn Scharlau and sister, Kay Staley, as

well as his nieces, nephews, brothers-in law, sisters-in-law, other extended family, and many friends.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Tina Scharlau, his mother, Alice Scharlau, and his brother-in-law, Mark Staley.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 22 4th St. NW, Mason City, Iowa 50401.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Moose Lodge  
22 4th ST NW  
Mason City, IA 50401

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Lynn, we were saddened to hear of John's passing and remember him fondly. It's always worse to lose a child because that's not how we imagine it should be. I'm certain he was loved by many and will be missed by more. We were sorry to have missed his memorial and wanted to extend our prayers and condolences to all of his family and friends.

Jim and Lore Mathahs - September 14, 2024 at 12:59 PM

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Thank you

Kay Staley - February 22, 2025 at 07:01 PM

RW

“ Rachel Wagner lit a candle in memory of John Charles Scharlau



Rachel Wagner - September 09, 2024 at 04:57 PM

RW

“ I can't believe I'm reading this. John and Tina have always been there for me and always took me in as family just like the bitkers did. Everytime I ever had a plumbing emergency, needed someone to listen to my problems, a place to stay and just someone to be around John was always there telling me jokes and giving me crap to put me in a better mood. You will be missed but never forgotten. Tell Tina I said hi and give her love from me.

Rachel Wagner - September 09, 2024 at 04:56 PM

KM

“ *RIP John! To John's family so sorry for your loss. Your all in my prayers!!*



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**Kerri McCloskey** - September 07, 2024 at 09:27 AM

JS

“ *Rest in peace, John. We love you & will miss you greatly!*



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**JoAnn Scharlau** - September 05, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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“ *Cindy Cunningham lit a candle in memory of John Charles Scharlau*



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**Cindy Cunningham** - September 04, 2024 at 10:19 PM

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“ *Rest in peace Friend.*



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**Teresa Asche - Tietjens** - September 04, 2024 at 02:14 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Kay Staley** - September 04, 2024 at 03:54 AM

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*Rest in peace my brother*

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**Roger nuehring** - September 06, 2024 at 01:26 AM