



Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels

December 3, 1977 - May 5, 2025

Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels, age 47, of Albia, IA, passed away on Monday, May 5, 2025, at his home.

Matt was born on December 3, 1977, in Albia, to Ronald and Mickie (Graham) Sickels. He grew up attending school and graduated from Woodland Park High School in Colorado with the class of 1996. On June 30, 2017, he was united in marriage to Melinda Lynn Jacobson at the Albia Reservoir.

Matt was a welder for Johnson Machine Works in Chariton, IA, for 21 years and later worked in the meat department at Hy-Vee in Albia.

Matt was a sports fan who enjoyed playing slow pitch softball and bowling in leagues. He loved coaching youth sports. He was extremely generous, always willing to help anyone in need. Matt was a loving husband, son, brother, nephew, and friend. His most treasured role in life was being an uncle. He adored his nieces and nephews and was known by not only them, but by everyone, as Uncle Matt.

Matt is survived by his wife, Melinda; his mother, Mickie Sickels; a brother, Steve Sickels; 2 sisters, Sara Persons and Raegan (Tom) Birchmier; a sister-in-law, Melissa (Wade) Stiers; his nieces and nephews, Zachary (Laurel) Sickels-Hughes, Kendall Sickels, Elliott Sickels, Brandon (Mia) Persons,

Madalyn (Sam) Dunbar, Joseph Birchmier, Christopher Kilfoyle, Ryleigh Birchmier, Kyla Stiers, Alyssa Stiers, and Adam Stiers. Matt is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ronald Sickels; and his grandparents, Melvin and Mildred Sickels, Dean Graham, and Imogene Barnhart.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Matt's family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Rayl Robbins officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ I went to WPHS with Matt, and we attended Sr. Prom together in 1996. He was a very lovely soul that I have always carried the fondest memories of. My deepest condolences to his wife Melinda and his entire family....he was a wonderful person. ☐

Mirri Stanard - May 13, 2025 at 07:57 PM

MS

“ Mirri S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.

Mirri S. - May 13, 2025 at 07:48 PM

KT

“ I have so many great memories of Matt. He was my oldest son, Ian's, best friend from 3rd grade on. He practically lived at our house! It was always Ian, Matt, P.J., and Josh He was a sweet, kind, loving person. He would do anything for you. My sincerest sympathies to his wife, Melinda, his mom, Miki and the rest of his family. We all loved him dearly.

Karyl Thies - May 11, 2025 at 09:41 PM

KF

“ Karyl, Ian, Jenn, JJ (Anderson Family) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.



Karyl, Ian, Jenn, JJ (Anderson Family) - May 10, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.

May 09, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.



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“ Todd, Jamie, Alyssa and Kathryn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.



Todd, Jamie, Alyssa and Kathryn - May 09, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ PJ Standlee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.

PJ Standlee - May 09, 2025 at 12:35 AM

PS

“ PJ Standlee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.



PJ Standlee - May 09, 2025 at 12:35 AM

JP

“ Matt was a kind and loving person. I spent quite a few years with him on the road working and worked with him at Johnson Machine Works. He was a great friend and I send my deepest condolences and prayers to all of the family. May God keep all of you close and comfort you during this difficult time.

JP - May 08, 2025 at 09:39 PM

SS

“ My memories of Matt are all ones of him trying to make other people's days better. He was always willing to do things for people when they asked, even if it was just to run and buy snacks for us girls at Hardee's. He had a big heart and wanted to do what he could to help people regardless of the help he may have needed. His absence is an immeasurable void to the world, but Heaven sure gained a bright light.

Sarah Swayne - May 08, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ Mariah Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels



Mariah Mccarty - May 08, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Dorie Sickels.*



May 08, 2025 at 05:16 PM