

Kelly Winkelman, 52
Foley, MN
May 6, 1964 - Sept. 10, 2016



Kelly Winkelman, age 52, of Foley, died of natural causes Sept. 10, 2016, while hunting prairie dogs in Isabel, S.D. Mass of Christian Burial was 10 a.m. Sept. 14, 2016, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Du-elm. The Rev. Virgil Helmin officiated. Burial was in the Parish Cemetery. Parish Prayers were held at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Service with Dignity provided by the Foley Funeral Home.

Kelly Clifford Winkelman was born May 6, 1964, in St. Cloud, to Peter and Kathleen (Balder) Winkelman and was proud of his Irish heritage. He graduated from Foley High School in 1982. Kelly, along with his parents and brothers: Gary, Kevin and Tom farmed Winkelman Farms Partnership, LLP, which was purchased in 1948.

He loved farming and while feeding his 900 head of cattle, was famous for saying that he was "feeding

the world." He was an authorized Federal Firearms dealer and co-owned and operated Pistol Pete's Gun Shop. An avid outdoors man, Kelly enjoyed hunting and four-wheeling at the deer shack. He held membership in many organizations including: the National Wild Turkey Federation, Minnesota Whitetail Deer Hunters, Deer Hunters Association, Ducks Unlimited and was a Life Member of the NRA. A staunch supporter of the Republican Party, Kelly was a delegate for Glendorado Township. He honored our service members and the American flag and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion for 15 years. He was a member of the Gilman Creamery Co-op Board and St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Kelly had great times playing softball and baseball and also played racquetball. Over the years, he played on teams for: Foley High School and Foley American Legion baseball teams and the A&W, Foley Produce and Arnold's Equipment softball teams. Kelly was a history buff and loved socializing with people at the gun shop and the many banquets he worked at.

He is survived by his significant other, Melissa Christensen of Foley; dogs, Bo and Patton; siblings: Larry (Joyce) of Foley, Jane (Gary) Swanson of Foley, Janet (Bob) Abfalter of Foley, Duane (Lesley) of Foley, Kevin (JoAnn) of Foley, Mary Kay (Steve Fleace) of Grand Marais and Lynn Marie (Tim Kampa) of Foley; 20 nieces and nephews; 22 great nieces and nephews as well as many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter (Aug. 27, 2005) and Kathleen (March 11, 2008), brothers, Gary (Jan. 26, 2000) and Tom (Nov. 9, 2015).