

Wade Michael Sjolie, age 63, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026 after a long and courageous battle with multiple myeloma cancer.

Wade was born April 26, 1963 in Fergus Falls, MN, to Howard and Lou Ann (Hanson) Sjolie. He grew up in Fergus Falls and graduated from Fergus Falls High School. Following high school, he attended Wadena Technical College for telephone training. Wade began his career with Alaska Power Telephone Company and later moved to West Fargo, ND, where he worked for US West Information Systems. In 1996, he returned to Fergus Falls and joined Park Region Telephone. His career concluded in 2013, where he served as Director of Network Systems, due to the extensive physical toll caused by cancer.

Wade had a deep love for the outdoors. His greatest passion was fishing for walleye on Star Lake, and deer hunting was a tradition he rarely missed. As his illness progressed, he was forced to give up fishing and significantly limit hunting, which was especially difficult for him.

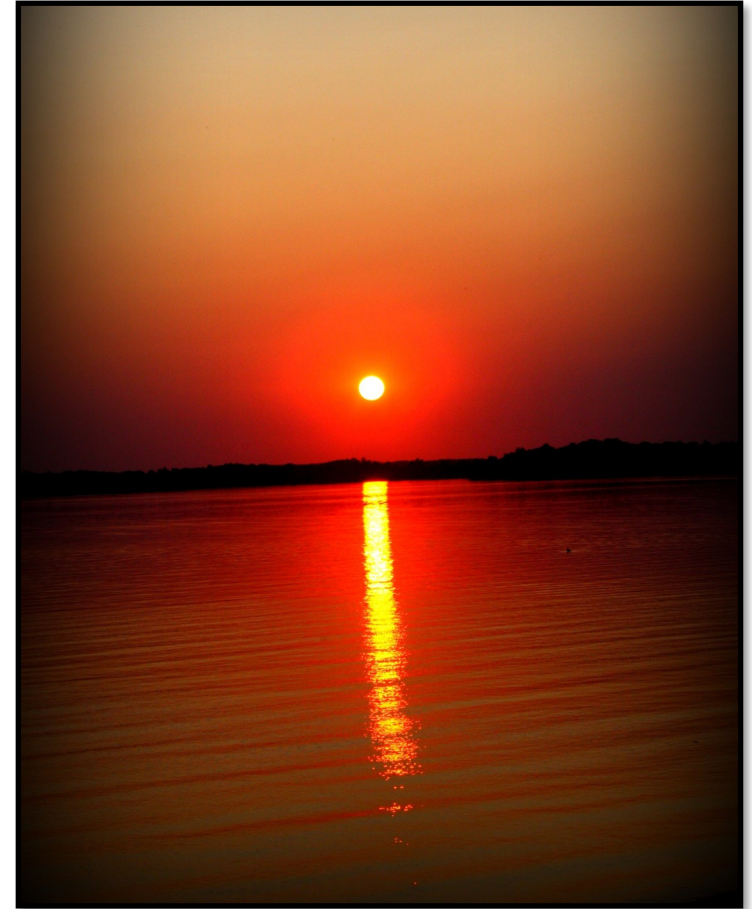
Wade married Jodi Swanson in 2007. They made their home on Star Lake near Dent, MN, and later moved to Perham, MN, in 2013. Wade found immense joy in his grandchildren, whose love and presence gave him strength and determination throughout his battle with cancer.

Wade is survived by his wife, Jodi Sjolie; his children, Heather (Aaron) Ebbighausen, Carissa (Chuck) Ryan, and Andrew (Leah) Sjolie; stepdaughter, Jessica (Shane) LeRoux; and stepson, Todd (Brittaney) Schmidt. He was a loving Papa to Aleksander and Theodore Ebbighausen, Emery Allison, Helena, Calvin and Miles Ryan, Oliver, and Erik Sjolie; step-grandchildren, Emmett and Kieran Tougas, Charlie and Colbie LeRoux, and Hadley, Ryker, and Remi Schmidt.

He is also survived by his brothers, Kirk (Patty), Todd (Jill), and Darin (Rachelle); nephews and nieces, Jake (Kadie), Megan (Justin), Joshua (Shelley), Tiffany (Doug), Tyler (Brittany), Ben (Deanna), Zack, Mandi, Brock, Luke, Stephanie, Nicole, and Mac (Holly); uncle, Gerhard (Brenda) Hanson; father-in-law, Rodney Swanson; and mother-in-law, Georgia Berger; brother-in-law, John Haremza; and sister-in-law, Jana Swanson.



Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Wade Michael Sjolie

April 26, 1963 - July 18, 2026



Memorial Service
Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Lutheran Church
Perham, Minnesota

Officiant
Pastor Erin Bovendam

Musician
Keith Olson
Brandon Olson
Russell Bunker

Reader
Megan Stock

Urn Bearers

Joshua Stenson	Ben Sjolie
Tiffany Gorton	Zack Sjolie
Jake Sjolie	Mandi Sjolie
Megan Stock	Brock Sjolie
Tyler Sjolie	Luke Sjolie

Interment
Sjolie Cemetery
Madison, Minnesota