



## Eric M. Schimmels

November 27, 2019

Eric Michael Schimmels, 46, of Milwaukee, passed away at home Wednesday, November 27, 2019. He was born October 1973 in Milwaukee to Stephanie (Susienka) and Michael Schimmels and was the oldest of four children. Eric graduated salutatorian from Whitnall High School and studied engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Eric was intelligent, passionate, creative and artistic; he knew there was more than Wisconsin, and so he left Madison to follow his dreams. He developed a reputation as a dedicated craftsman and eventually came home to Milwaukee to work as a carpenter. In 2011, Eric became the proud father of an exceptional son, who he spoke fondly of with everyone he met. Eric had a big heart and left an indelible mark on friends and family. He loved music, movies, and especially animals and will be missed by his dog, Fedock.

Eric is survived by his parents, Michael and Stephanie of Milwaukee; his siblings JoEllen Schimmels of Vienna, VA; Thaddeus Schimmels of Milwaukee; Meghan (Scott) Sedlar of Burlington, WI; his son Declan Merrick Schimmels of Milwaukee; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family asks to please donate to any one of Milwaukee's substance use disorder rehab, counseling, or support centers.

Eric wasn't afraid to follow his heart, even when it took him down an unwary path. He has found his way home now and will be greatly missed.

Memorial Service Saturday, December 28 at JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH (4535 W. Oklahoma Ave) at 1:00 PM.

Please share memories/photos below. The family would very much appreciate it.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

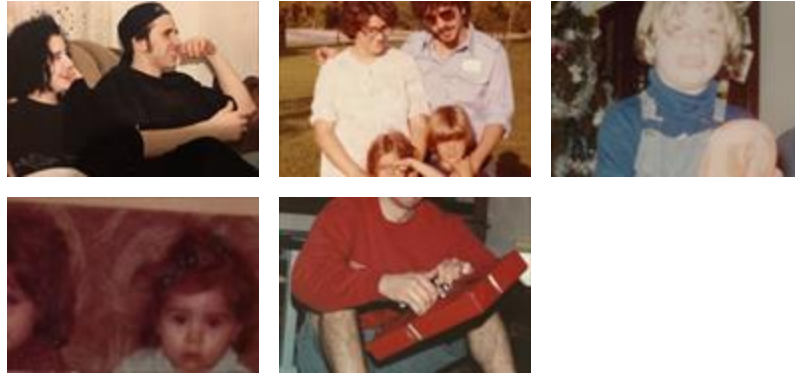
DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Park Lutheran Church  
4535 W Oklahoma Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53219

# Tribute Wall

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Ellen Schimmels - December 12, 2019 at 07:57 PM

TB

*I have many photos of Eric from our relationship in Portland Oregon. I also have his first child Selene. She's now 27 years old. I always thought that one day Eric's family would want to know or even help me raise her. She's amazing!!!*

Tracia Barnett - May 17, 2025 at 06:23 PM

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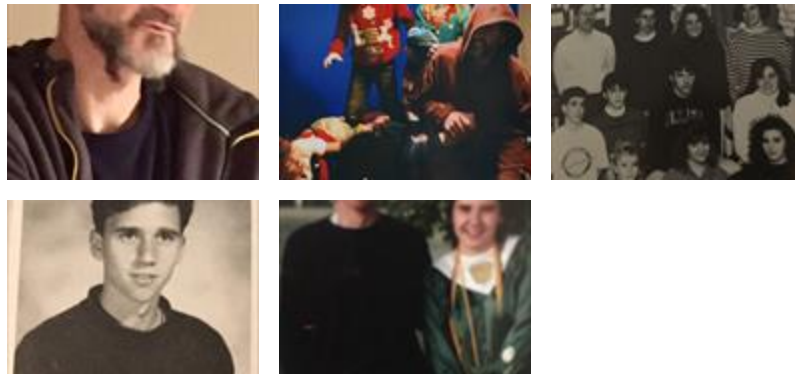
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**uncle Bill** - December 04, 2019 at 06:31 PM

AS

“ I have a thousand great memories growing up with Eric. One time, he payed us a surprise visit in Concord, Ca. Eric found an old rare VW Notchback he wanted to buy. We rolled through San Jose, and he picked it up. His plan was to drive it the 2,200 miles home. It had a 5 gallon gas tank. I do know that he made it at least to Nevada. You were a free spirit, Eric. You're free now.

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**Aaron Schimmels** - December 03, 2019 at 10:46 AM

JN

I remember sthat car stalling on the Bay Bridge in San Francisco traffic where there was no shoulder to pull off on. What a ride!

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**Julie Neitzel** - December 24, 2019 at 10:38 AM

JC

“ Eric was a very gifted artist  
Whatever he did was perfect. I remember as a young child he would  
dance to Bennie and the Jets. Much loved by his large family, he's  
at peace now in God's care. We love you. Aunt Jeannie

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**Jean Campbell** - December 02, 2019 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ I'll never forget the time my friend in Arizona randomly told me Eric  
gave him a Green Bay Packer tattoo! Or the time my friend and I  
showed up at Eric's place unannounced in Portland! RIP my cousin.

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**Josh (Andy) Schimmels** - December 02, 2019 at 12:57 PM