Windsor - Ryan Benjamin Ziel, 42, of North Platte, Nebraska, and formerly of Windsor, Colorado, unexpectedly died in a work-related accident on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

Ryan was born in Greeley, CO, on November 19, 1975, to Reinhold and Twila Ziel. He grew up on a dairy farm in Windsor, CO, and enjoyed working the land. He graduated from Windsor High School in 1995. Ryan worked for Monfort Cattle Company as a parts manager and raised his son in the area before moving his family to Broken Bow, NE in 1999. Ryan later worked for Swift and Crete until 2005, when his family moved to North Platte where he worked as a subcontractor for the Union Pacific Railroad. On July 19, 2011, Ryan married Kimberly Dawn Soto.

Ryan was a fun-loving friend, father, and devoted husband. He liked Harry Potter, Star Wars, Star Trek, and Marvel and DC Comics. He also enjoyed racing video games and going to the movies. As a youth, he participated in Boy Scout Troops 57 and 88, which kept him actively involved in community projects.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and children, Alexander Ziel and Tasia Soto, all of North Platte; parents, Reinhold and Twila Ziel, of Windsor, CO; sisters, Laura (Zach) Milke, of Durango, CO, and Christina (Joey) Sutter, of Severance, CO; brother, Shan (Kristi) Ziel, of Westminster, CO; nieces, Avalon and Blythe; nephews, Valiant and Erik; close cousins,
Amy Fiedler and Sunday Landgraf, and numerous other cousins, extended family, and friends.

Ryan was preceded in death by his cousin and best friend, Jeremy Hartshorn; grandparents, Doris and William Zarbock, and 'Opa' Fred and 'Oma' Gertrud Ziel.

A memorial service will be held at Clearwater Church in Ft. Collins, CO, on September 21, 2018, at 10 am. Online condolences may be shared at odeanchapel.com Odean Colonial Chapel in North Platte, Nebraska is in charge of arrangements.
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