



Thomas Gerald Schenkel

December 4, 2015

Thomas Gerald Schenkel, of St. Ignace, Michigan, passed into the Lord's Infinite Care on December 4th, 2015.

He was born in Detroit, Mi on January 28, 1947, to the late Gladys Nelrose Schenkel (nee Pagel) and the late Russell Bernhardt Schenkel, and was the fourth of five sons. He was predeceased by an older brother, Kenneth Robert Schenkel of Seattle Washington.

Tom worked from the time he was a young boy, first delivering newspapers with his best friend Bill, onto working at the corner store. He attended Denby High School in Detroit, MI. Tom worked for the city of Grosse Pointe Park for 26 years, where he held various positions, completing his career, as Code Enforcement Officer. He was very dedicated to Union activities and served as Union President for many years. After retirement he left cherished friends and moved to northern Michigan, finally settling down in St. Ignace.

There he enjoyed volunteering at the St. Ignace Area Hope (Food Pantry), and many treasured friendships. He was a devoted Christian and attendant of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. He loved living in St. Ignace and considered it among the happiest times of his life. Tom was a very kind and generous man and will be dearly missed by many.

Tom is survived by his daughter Amy Elizabeth Alek and three Grandchildren, along with three brothers: Fred B. Schenkel of Pensacola, Florida, William R. (Ann) Schenkel of Mabank, Texas, and Richard D. (Kathy) Schenkel of Macomb, MI. In addition, Tom leaves much loved nieces and nephews and many cousins. He is also survived by his lifelong best friend, Bill Raines, of Mackinac, MI.

Arrangements were handled by Dodson Funeral Home, where cremation has taken place.

A Memorial service is planned for January 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Ignace. with Pastor David J. Tielbar officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Ignace Area Hope (Food Pantry) in remembrance of Tom, would be greatly appreciated.