



Joseph C. Hess

May 22, 1946 - September 1, 2009

Joseph C. Hess, age 63, of Highland, IL., died Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born May 22, 1946, in Golden, CO., the son of Joseph and Helen (nee Anderson) Hess.

On April 24, 1971, he married Jane D. Hess nee Weiss , who survives.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church-Highland; a former member of the Highland Jaycee.

He was born in Golden CO. and at age 3 moved to Highland after his mother's death (he was raised by his aunt & her husband). He graduated Highland High School in 1964. In High School he excelled in football, track, basketball, and was Athlete of the Year in 1964. He served with the US Marine Corps. Reserves from 1964-1970. He briefly worked at Alton Box Co.; then started with Proctor & Gamble in 1966. He retired 38 years later in 2004. He and his wife operated the Globe Democrate Delivery Service in the early 1980's. He and his family loved to boat and ski at Vandalia Lake. He helped his son with Daddy Joe's Lawn Service in the summer and Fall. He served as General Handyman for his family. For many years he was very active in the slow pitch softball league, where he was manager for Hi-Top-Zobrist Team.

Survivors include Wife-Jane D. Hess nee Weiss of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Michelle L. (David) Blackwell of Highland, Ill., Son-Joseph A. (Karen) Hess of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Kristin M. Hess of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Ryan D. (Fiancee Dawn Dunham) Blackwell of Belleville, Ill., Grandchild-Rebecca E. (Andrew) Casper of Trenton, Ill., Grandchild-Nicholas J. Blackwell of Fairview Heights, Ill., Grandchild-Taylor J. Blackwell of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Emily D. Hess of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Olivia M. Hess of Highland, Ill., Gr Grandchild-Madison E. Dunham of Belleville, Ill., Gr Grandchild-Kaleigh E. Casper of Trenton, Ill.

He was preceeded in death by Father-Joseph A. Hess, Mother-Helen Hess (nee Anderson), and Clarence and Agnes Jakel.