



Leonard L. Messerli

October 18, 1946 - March 27, 2013

Leonard Lee "Lenny" Messerli, age 66 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Relais Bonne Eau in Edwardsville, IL.

He was born on Friday, October 18, 1946, in Highland, IL, the son of Leonard P. and Florence E. (nee Moss) Messerli.

On Saturday, September 04, 1971, he married Suzanne Y. "Sue" Messerli (nee Michaud) who survives in Highland.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. He was also a member of VFW Post #5694 (Life Member and Past Commander); Highland Sportsman Club; and a former member of American Legion Post #439.

Leonard grew up in Grantfork, Illinois, and graduated from Highland High School in 1964. He worked for one year at Alton Box Board in Highland before entering the U.S. Navy in 1966. He served as a Private 2nd Class in photo intelligence with duty in Vietnam, Spain, Iceland, and the Phillipines. After his service, he again worked for Highland Box Board while attending SIU-Edwardsville. He started at McDonnell-Douglas in 1980 and retired with 30 years of service from Boeing in 2009. He played the electric keyboard and accordion with the "TODAY" band for a number of years. He was active in the Highland VFW, where he once served as a commander, and played

softball with the "Over 40" league. He enjoyed gardening and "tinkering" in the garage and yard.

Survivors include:

Wife - Suzanne Y. "Sue" Messerli nee Michaud, Highland, IL

Daughter - Sarah L. (Andrew) Koch, Flower Mound, TX

Son - John R. Messerli, Prairie Village, KS

Grandchild - A. Parker Koch, Flower Mound, TX

Grandchild - Reagan E. Koch, Flower Mound, TX

Brother - Curtis C. Messerli, Highland, IL

Mother In-law - Alma Michaud

Sister In-law - Diane (Alfred) Galella

Sister In-law - Loraine Snyder

Nieces and Nephews - Several

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Leonard Penrose Messerli died 1/6/1979

Mother - Florence Elizabeth Messerli, nee Moss died 3/31/1967

Sister In-law - Mary Messerli died 7/11/2007

Father In-law - Euclid E. Michaud died 1/18/1980

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.