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Mr. Richard L. O'Connell Jr., age 72, passed away Sunday evening, August 2, 2009, at his home. Rich was born September 1, 1936 in Muskegon to Richard L. and Margaret (Kierer) O'Connell. He had served his country proudly in the U.S. Air Force. On March 16, 1957 he married the former Helen Vanderley and she preceded him in death on March 1, 2008. Rich was retired from Skipper Heating and Cooling and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. He had volunteered at Fisherman's Landing for many years. Richard is SURVIVED by his children, Jenny DeLong, Julle (Douglas) Daul, Kay (Jim) Shropp, and James O'Connell, all of Muskegon; 21 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; and many special friends and acquaintances. Rich was also preceded in death by his "mother", Barb O'Connell; daughters, Rena "Chrissi" Christine O'Connell in January of 1966 and Marie O'Connell in June of 1979; son-in-law, Bill DeLong, Sr. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, August 6, 2009, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 930 Creston St. with Pastor Julie Winklepleck officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to VNS Hospice. Share memories with the family at their on line guest book @ www.sytsemafh.com. Arrangements are being handled by The Sytsema Chapel Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

I could not beleive this when my Mom called me. When your wonderful Mother passed away I had a total knee replacement 2-18-2008 and was unable to come and say my final goodbye. Now July 21, 2009 I had to have a revision of the same knee and once again I am layed up. Just know what an impact these two wonderful people made in my life! I feel the pain for all of you. I know your hearts will weigh heavy but always remember all the good times!! With all my Prayers and Thoughts, Mimi##imported-begin##Rosemary George (Mimi)##imported-end##

August 7 at 5:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

We both knew him as roofer on the CB radio,or a a dad we never had,he always had a smile for ya, and was also there as a good friend,he would always help anyone, that needed it even if he couldn't he would try too anyway. We will miss u Dad but u will still be here in our hearts. Love Larry & Peggy##imported-begin##Larry Grodstein & Peggy Tomlinson##imported-end##

August 6 at 5:57 AM



Anonymous posted:

with loving memories of my grandpa whom i loved very much and will miss deeply.the last time i heard him laugh was when i went to see him 5 days before he passed and he was rubing my belly and thought i was pregnant.i told him i was just fat and he laughed at me.that was the last time we ever laughed together.he was my favorite grandpa in the world he was the best and i am very sad that he gone.he may be gone but he will never be forgotten. i love you grandpa forever and always you will remain in my heart.##imported-begin##christine berglund##imported-end##

August 4 at 9:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard L. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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