

Paul Lewis Chalker age 75 of Manistee, Michigan died Early Saturday morning, August 15, 2015, with his wife at his side, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born May 21, 1940 in Luther, Michigan and was the son of the late Fay and Bonnie (Pethtel) Chalker. He was a graduate of Brethren High School with the Class of 1961. Paul married Rogene L. Merkey on September 26, 1964 at Saint Joseph Catholic church in Manistee. They have almost celebrated fifty-one years of marriage together. He had been employed for twenty five years at the Manistee Drop Forge Company until the company closed its operations in the Manistee area. He later was employed with the Stokley USA Plant in Scottville, the Little River Casino and with the Little Manistee Weir, as well as having worked at other odd jobs in the area until his retirement.

Paul is survived by his wife Rogene L. Chalker of Manistee, three sisters and two brothers in-law, Fern Jensen of Fountain, MI, Ruth and Richard Belic of Manistee, MI, and Darlene and Gary Carr of McConnells, South Carolina, one brother, Frank Chalker of Irons, MI, and one sister in-law, Shari Merkey of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fay and Bonnie (Pethtel) Chalker and by his brother, Earl Chalker.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held Friday evening, August 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Herbert Funeral home in Manistee with Reverend Richard Schaeffer officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening, one hour prior to the Memorial Service.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.