Charles S. Thomas, age 49 of Manistee, died Wednesday, April 24, 2013 after a lengthy illness.

He was born December 24, 1963 in Manistee, MI son and the late Robert "Stretch" and Bernadine (Luczyk) Thomas. He was a graduate of Manistee High School in the class of 1982. He was employed at various jobs during his lifetime but most recently he was employed at Whitehall Industries in Ludington. His hobbies included restoring muscle cars and going to car and hot rod shows. He especially loved his 1969 orange Camaro.

He is survived by one sister & brother-in-law, Karen & Dennis Tomaszewski of Manistee, MI; his nephew Jason Tomaszewski and his wife Lindsay and their daughter Hannah of Portage, MI; his niece, Abby Tomaszewski of Berlin, MD; his nephew Ben Tomaszewski of Manistee, MI; 2 aunts and 1 uncle, Pat Thomas of Manistee, MI and Helen & Don Propellas of Oxnard, CA, his special friend Mark Hansen of Manistee, MI. Numerous cousins also survive him.

According to Charles wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Pastor Marc Eix officiating. The family will be at the funeral home on Saturday one hour prior to the time of service to receive friends. Final interment of Charles cremated remains will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

A memorial has been established in Charles name for the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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