

Obituary

Dana E. Johnson, age 73, of Canton, MI passed away on February, 27, 2017 while on a short visit to Homosassa, FL. Dana was born on April 4, 1943 in Lewiston, ME to Ralph and M. Rita (Beaudoin) Johnson, both deceased. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Debbie and two children, a daughter Victoria L. (Russ Myers) and her two daughters, Ashley and Amber of Belleville, MI, and a son, Daniel E and his wife, Leslie, of Norway, MI.

Dana is also survived by two sisters, Faye L (Herman, recently deceased) Gainer of Homosassa, FL and Hale, MI and Susan J. Johnson of Lyons, OH, a sister-in-law, Patrice (Stephen) Phillips of Florence, WI and a brother-in-law Gregory R. (Karen) Westfall, Sr. of Plymouth, MI.

Many nieces, nephews, cousins and a favorite Uncle, Bud Ricker of Lewiston, ME also remain. As well as his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, several aunts and uncles and his in-laws, LeRoy and Carolyn S. Westfall.

Dana spent his early years in Maine, moving with his family at age 10 to the Detroit area. He was a 1961 graduate of Garden City High School, Garden City, MI. He was a US Army Veteran, serving from 1963-1966 as a Spec. 4 in Germany. On June 10, 1972, he married the former Deborah K. Westfall in Plymouth, MI. In 1980, he and Debbie moved to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where their son, Dan was born and raised.

While in the U.P., Dana worked for several years at U.P./U.S. Special Delivery in the Safety Dept. He then spent 11 years as the church custodian at our Savior's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain, MI. A job he truly enjoyed. He made many special friends in that church family.

In 2014, both Dana and Debbie retired, moving back to the Detroit area. They settled in Canton, MI closer to family and old friends.

Dana and Debbie were new "Snow Birds" in Florida. It was Dana's last wish to be in Florida one more time.

Cremation took place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL. Memorial services will be held back in MI, both in Plymouth and Iron Mountain at later dates. Notices will be in the local newspapers at that time.

Dana's final resting place will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, MI.

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