

David R. Diehl
(November 27, 1944 - June 29, 2009)

David R. Diehl, 64, of rural Payne, Ohio died Monday morning, June 29, 2009 at his home surrounded by his family. David was born November 27, 1944 in Decatur, Indiana, the son of the late Lester R. and Virginia J. (Smith) Diehl. On July 16, 1977, he married Mary Jo (Hackman) Diehl who survives in Payne.

David was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Payne (formerly St. John the Baptist). He was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in 1969 and was retired from International Harvester. David was a champion go-cart and motorcycle racer across Ohio and Indiana as a teenager. Later in life, he loved working in his garage fixing and rebuilding cars, motorcycles, and mini-bikes.

In addition to his wife, survivors include four daughters, Dee Ann (Chance) Diehl of Decatur, Emily (Jamie) Hone of Columbus, OH, Christie (Derek) Fleming, MD of Durham, NC and Michelle (Peter) Berryman of Maryville, TN; one granddaughter, Natalie Rae Hone; and two sisters, Sharon (Doyt) Sheets of Lake Dallas, TX and Karen (Bob) Vallance of Asheville, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents, his step father Oran A. Watts, two half sisters and a half brother.

Visitation will be from 4-8 pm Thursday, July 2, 2009 at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, with reciting of the Holy Rosary at 3:30. A 10:20 am Prayer service will be held on Friday, July 3, 2009 at the funeral home followed by a 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur. Father Ben Kakwezi will be officiating and burial is in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Decatur with Military Gravesite rites by the American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 43 Color Guard and A.C.C.F. Angel Cancer Fund.

Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home online obits (accessed 7/3/09)