



Daniel L. Lengerich, 74, passed away at home on February 25, 2009 surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, he was born March 27, 1934 to Herman and Amelia (Ulman) Lengerich of Decatur. A graduate of Decatur Catholic High School and the University of St. Francis, Daniel served his country in the U.S. Army and the Air Force Reserves. He was a 4th degree knight with the Knights of Columbus. He married T. Janice (Jan) Vodde on January 3rd, 1957. He was the owner of Brewers Art Supply in Fort Wayne and was an avid brewer and wine maker. His fondest memories were the times he spent with his family and friends at Palmer Lake in Michigan. He loved to fish, garden, crochet, play cards, travel and was passionate about family genealogy. He was a 48 year member of the Euchre Club. He was known for his generosity, warm smile, Dutch apple pies, afghans, spiced potato wine and sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, T. Janice (Vodde), of Decatur; sons Daniel of San Francisco, CA, and Luke (Jeni) of Greenwood, IN; daughters Johanna (Travis) Spannan of Decatur, Jennifer Lengerich-Hill and Mimi Lengerich, both of Indianapolis; and Francie Lengerich, Ft. Wayne; and 13 grandchildren. Brothers Ted, John (Jane), Tony (Jan), Ed (Susie), Mike (Pat), Joe (Jane); sisters Mary Ellen (Marcel) Welling and Ruth (Joe) Wilder, sister-in-law Peggy Lengerich and brother-in-law, Maurice (Moe) Miller, special niece, Krista (Jim) Hayes and close family friend Jean Faillace. Euchre Club members Tyke and Verna Ehle, Vern and Sharon Frisby, Dan and Carlyne Krauter, Dick and LaMoine Yingling, and Gene and Marian Yoder. He was joyfully welcomed into heaven by his son Marcus, his parents Herman and Amelia, and siblings James, William, Carl, Marjorie and Jean who preceded him in death.

Remember the sparkle in his eyes and his beautiful smile when you see sunlight dance on the surface of a lake. He is there!

Visitation will be on Sunday, March 1, 2009 from 12:30-6 pm at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, IN. Recitation of the Rosary will be at Noon on Sunday at the funeral home. Prayer Service will be at 12:20 pm Monday, March 2, 2009 at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home followed by a 1:00 pm concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur, IN. with Reverends Bob Lengerich, Dave Voors and Ben Kakwezi officiating. Burial will be at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Decatur.

Memorials may be made to Matthew 25 or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. Memorials will be accepted at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 West Adams St., Decatur, Indiana 46733.

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