

Phillip J. Schurger, 60, of Decatur died Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at Adams Memorial Hospital. Phil was born in Decatur on November 1, 1952 to the late Severin H. and Madeline C. (Alig) Schurger.

Phil was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and of its adult choir. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. J.J. Seimetz Council 864, where he served as Past Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree Assembly.

He was a signalman for Conrail for 20 years, working from Delphos Ohio until a work disability made him change jobs. He was an Operating Engineer, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 103, for the last 15 years, working for numerous contractors in northeast Indiana.

He lived in the family homestead, where he enjoyed gardening, beekeeping, and helping all the members of his family with his construction talents and mechanical knowledge.

He is survived by a son Phillip J. Schurger II of Fort Wayne and daughter Diana (Bill) Speller of Payne, Ohio; Godmother M. Virginia Schurger of Decatur; two brothers Severin G. Schurger of Bellingham, Washington and Frederick A. (Teresa) Schurger of Decatur; sister Susan E.S. (Larry) Zurcher of Decatur; numerous nieces and nephews, and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2012 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home with a reciting of the Holy Rosary at 3:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Honor Guard will stand guard from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2012 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with visitation ½ hour prior to the service in the St. Mary's Parish Hall. Father David Voors will be presiding and burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Choir.

**Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 12-19-12)**