

Durward W. Roller 1937-2007

Durward Wendel "Dur" Roller, age 69 of Pigeon (formerly of Millington), passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 3 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Born in Millington on November 25, 1937, he was the son of Rudolph and Doris (Rosencrants) Roller. He served in the United States Army in 1956. On January 1, 2000 he was united in marriage to Judy Kowalewski in Pigeon. She survives him.

Dur Roller started at General Motors as a line worker in 1964. He was promoted to supervisor in 1966 and to General Supervisor in 1986. After 12 years at General Motors, Dur became Superintendent of Productions for Volkswagen in 1976, then promoted to General Superintendent of Production, and later to Production Manager of Volkswagen Westmoreland. In 1983, he joined Chrysler as Production Manager at Sterling Heights Assembly Plant. In 1985 he was promoted to Plant Manager and continued as Plant Manager from 1985 to retirement in 1993 at Dodge City, St. Louis and Sterling Heights Assembly Plant. He was currently employed as Senior Account Manager with Epic Equipment Engineering in Shelby Township as well as Park manager for Caseville Township and Oak Beach parks with the Huron County Parks System.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and the automotive industry. He loved life and lived every day to the fullest, but he especially loved his grandchildren and family.

He was a member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Pigeon.

In addition to his wife, Judy, he is survived by seven children: Durene (Bob) Worth of Millington, Karen (Chuck) Langenfeld of Akron, Ohio, Sgt. Jason (Moon) Roller of Fort Lewis, Washington, Jenna Roller of Saginaw, Tammy Bruce of White Lake, William (Carol) Smith of Rancho Palos Verde, California, and Jenny (Justin) Maust of Granger, Indiana; nine grandchildren: Amanda, Jamie, Derek, Cameron, Josey, Jalen, Jake, Miah, and Drew; brothers and sisters, Wenona (Alexander "Alex") Schimph of Flushing, Linda (Richard) Leix of Roanoke, Indiana, Mary Jane (Jackson "Jack") Shreve of Millington, Franklin "Frank" (Dorothy) Lee of East Tawas, Patricia "Patty" (Larry) Cleveland of Standish and Terrance "Terry" (Marilyn) Lee of Saginaw; his mother-in-law, Alice Kowalewski of Pigeon; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Rudolph Roller, his mother, Doris Roller Lee, and his stepfather, Roland Lee.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 7 at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, with Rev. Luke Yoder officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ of Pigeon River Mennonite Church.