

Thuemmel, Leonard J.

Leonard J. Thuemmel, 67, a 42-year resident of Romeo, passed away Saturday, June 21, 2008 at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township.

Leonard was born April 1, 1941 in Port Austin, the son of Robert and Verneta (Voelker) Thuemmel.

Leonard married Ethel Hienton April 27, 1963 in Ohio. He graduated with a teaching degree from Ferris State University and then taught in the Romeo School System in its business and typing classes. After-school activities included many years of coaching girls basketball, volleyball and softball. He was the founder/organizer of the Romeo Girls Softball Tournament for 10 years. In 1987, his Alwads Market Fastpitch team won the Wisconsin-Michigan Regional Tournament and played in the ASA National Finals in Boulder, Colo. He was a registered official with the MHSAA and umpired recreational softball for the Romeo Parks & Rec. and Rochester RARA. He also was a member of the Eastside Volleyball Officials Association. Upon retirement, he worked at Serra Automotive in Washington Township, and enjoyed traveling and cruises with his family and longtime friends, Richard and Phyllis Gabler.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Ethel of Romeo; children, Becky (Rex) Omonode of W. Lafayette, Ind., Robert (Etiene) Thuemmel of Shanghai, China, and Heidi (Mohamed) Amhdar of Richmond; grandchildren, Alaina, Jaelyn and Mariere; siblings, Nancy (Al) Schubring of Arizona, Dan (Vivian) Thuemmel and sister-in-law, Martha Thuemmel, both of Port Austin.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert.

Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2008 at the Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home of Romeo, with the Rev. Mark Evans of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Monday.