

Loegel, Michael A.

Michael A. Loegel, 52, of Port Austin, formerly of Parchment, passed away at Bronson Methodist Hospital on Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 in Kalamazoo after a 27-year battle with kidney disease. He was born Nov. 4, 1955 in Detroit, the son of the late Dolores T. (Collins) and George E. Loegel.

He and Elizabeth A. "Betsy" Belser were married on Dec. 29, 1978.

Michael was a graduate of Parchment Schools (1973) and Kalamazoo College (1977) majoring in biology. He took great pride in being a teacher and coach (football, baseball, and hockey) at North Huron Schools for 29 years. Michael taught a variety of classes from elementary to high school with his favorite time being spent teaching fifth and sixth grade science.

Mike loved his family and especially spending time up north at the family's cabins. He loved the outdoors and also enjoyed not only participating in numerous sports throughout his lifetime, but coaching them as well. He was well known for his quiet demeanor, sense of humor, and artistic abilities which he used to express everyday life as well as what it is like living with kidney disease. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; their children, Elisabeth A. Loegel of Kalamazoo and Jane E. Loegel of Port Austin; his brothers, George J. (Lawana Joyce) Loegel of Austin, Texas, Robert W. (Linda) Loegel of Scotts, and Daniel K. (Monica) Loegel of Otsego; his brothers-in-law, F. Curtis Belser of Bend, Ore., Charles P. Belser of Moorestown; and sister-in-law Jane L. (Howard) Sklar of Shreveport, La. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Rebecca Loegel, Jessica (Bryan) Mulder, Tom Loegel, Mark Loegel, C. Paul Belser, Crystal (Skylar) Vaughn, Candace (Joseph) Booms, Jacob Sklar, Alan Sklar; and his great-nephews and niece, Andrew Vaughn, Hunter Vaughn, and Saleen Booms.

Memorial service will be conducted on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde.

Visitation will be conducted on Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A private burial will be conducted in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the North Huron Schools Athletic Department or to the National Kidney Foundation.

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