

Duane J. Himmel, age 67, of Caseville, died Friday afternoon, July 17, at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon after suffering a massive heart attack.

He was born May 12, 1931 in Chandler Twp. son of the late John and Theresa Himmel.

Duane graduated from Elkton High School in 1948. In February of 1953, he was inducted in to the Army and discharged in 1955.

He was united in marriage to Shirley Ann Mephram at St. Dennis Church, Royal Oak on April 16, 1955. The couple lived and raised their family there, moving to Caseville in 1996 after retiring from Jack Winney Industrial Sales, Burkley. He had been employed with them 22 years, prior to that he was with Randolph Tool Mfg. for 20 years.

Mr. Himmel was an active member of St. Roch Catholic Church where he was on the worship committee and an usher. He enjoyed working on his computer, fishing, feeding birds and especially his grandchildren. To know him was a privilege and his sense of humor was legendary.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; three daughters, Karen (Michael) Liu of Sterling Heights, Katherine Himmel of Westland and Marie (Rick) Schomer of Madison Heights; two sons, Duane (Michele) Himmel of Royal Oak and Bryan (Marianne) Himmel of Garden City; 17 grandchildren, Shirley, Jason, Alicia, Amanda, Theresa, Rhiannon, Jennifer, Amanda, Justin, Duane, David, Tony, Sheli, Patrick, Erick, Emily and Austin; two brothers, John Himmel of Caseville and Gerald Himmel of Pigeon and two sisters, Frances Richmond of Pigeon and Barbara (Pat) Dell of Caseville. Preceding him in death were a granddaughter, Jessica, a great grandson, Brandon and a brother, Robert.

A funeral mass will be conducted 11:00 AM Monday, July 20, at St. Roch Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Dennis Kucharczyk, pastor will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be given to American Heart Assn. or the Church

*Arrangement by Champagne Funeral Chapel.*