

## **Donald Joseph Wertz**

Donald Joseph Wertz, 61, of Goshen, Ind., died at 4:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 2010 at Woodlawn Manor in Elkhart.

He had been ill since 2007.

He was born on April 23, 1949 in Bay Port to Joseph and Orpha Stevanus Wertz.

He is survived by two sisters, Nova Jean (Durward) Miller, of Pigeon and Ramona K. Mahler, of Elkhart, Ind.; two sister-in-laws, Ruby Wertz, of Goshen, Ind., and Floris Wertz, of Bay Port.

Donald was preceded by his parents; and two brothers, R. Dale and Willard H. Wertz.

Don drove a truck for a living. He worked at Wertz Trucking, Inc., Viking Formed Products and for Steury Boat Company.

He loved to sing. He sang in the church choir, Evergreen Singers, and for more than 40 weddings of family and friends. He also sang in the Dutch Family Festival in Lancaster, Penn., and in Pirates of Penzance at the Bristol Theatre.

Donald's wishes were to be cremated and to have a memorial service at his church. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the 3 p.m. memorial service Oct. 30, at the Grace United Methodist Church, 68407 Main Street, in New Paris, Ind., for a service of celebration.

In lieu of flowers the family would like memorials made to the National Kidney Assoc. of Indiana, Inc., 911 E. 86th St. Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240-1848