

Winter, Marvin M.

Marvin 'Marv' Merl Winter, 71, of Cass City died Wednesday, May 20, 2009 in his home.

He was born June 9, 1937 to Merle and Lucille (Rockefeller) Winter in Cass City.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 1955. Marvin married Janice O'Dell on June 20, 1959 in Sutton Methodist Church, Caro. They have celebrated 49 years of marriage.

In 1969, Marv went into business for himself, establishing Winter's Truck Sales. Winter's Truck Sales sold new and used truck and farm equipment. Marv was still operating the business until his death. In 1975, he established Colony House Catering Hall & Blue Room Bar. The Colony House hosted numerous wedding receptions, concerts, corporate events and various trade shows. It was in operation until 1998. Marv was a member of Cass City Masonic Tyler Lodge No. 317, Caro Moose Lodge No. 1049, and Elf Khurafeh Shrine Center, Saginaw.

Marv was a NASCAR fan. He loved watching and attending race events. He also loved watching the Detroit sports teams: Tigers, Lions, Red Wings and Pistons. He was an avid card player.

Marv had a great love for animals, in particular, his pet goose, Charlie and his pet lion, Sue Ellen, that he raised for 14 years. But his real gift was meeting new people and quickly and easily making friends. He truly loved being surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; daughter, Kelli (Charles) Hendrick of Decker; sons: Kirk (Lisa) Winter of Cass City, Kent (Jennifer) Winter of Midlothian, Va.; two exchange student sons, Paulo Leme and Gabriel Paggiaro, both from Sao Paulo, Brazil; grandchildren, Lindsey (Joel) Brinkman, Ashley Hendrick, Carley Hendrick, Brennen Winter, Chase Winter and Conner Winter; sister, Marion Longuski of Cass City; brothers-in-law: Chuck (Joanne) O'Dell of Caseville, Carson (Jane) O'Dell of Caro; nine nieces and nephews; one very special friend of the family, JoAnn Alexander of Cass City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merle and Lucille Winter; brother-in-law, Eugene Longuski; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Clayton and Rayola O'Dell.

Funeral service conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 24, 2009, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Chuck Emmert of Duplain Church of Christ, St. Johns, and Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mr. Winter are: Gary Putnam, Dennis Putnam, Mike Putnam, Terry Brinkman, Johnny Subic and Mike Truemner. Honorary pallbearers: Duane Chippi, Clare Finkbeiner, Carson O'Dell, Dean Hoag, Dave Ware and Roger Marshall.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City. Masonic service conducted at 6 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Winter Memorial Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers, and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.