

Kwasnik, Charles A.

Charles "Chuck" Anthony Kwasnik, 71, of Avoca, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 as a result of a stroke.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1938 in Hamtramck, to the late John and Stephanie (Babiarz) Kwasnik. He was a 1956 graduate of Holy Cross High School in Marine City and a 1963 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in agricultural engineering. From 1972 to 1989, Chuck was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Bad Axe, where he taught religious education and served on the Diocesan Board of Education. Later, as a resident of Kenockee Township, he served on the Kenockee Township Planning Commission for several years.

He married Constance (Connie) Boldt on Feb. 12, 1966 in Milwaukee, Wis.

Chuck had a lifelong love of agriculture. He was employed by the Michigan State Department of Agriculture from 1972-1997 as a dairy inspector in Huron County and later as a statewide survey officer. From 1989 to the time of his death he was also a local crop farmer. He became a leading advocate in the Farmland Preservation Program in St. Clair County.

Chuck was a current parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Emmett, and a former member of Sacred Heart Parish in Bad Axe. He was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 44 years, Connie; children, Angie (Michael) Johnson of Stevensville, Carrie Kwasnik, of Santa Rosa, Calif., Pattie (Michael) Koth of Louisville, Ky., Steve (Monica) Kwasnik of Lansing; siblings, John (Shirley) Kwasnik of New Baltimore, Janet (Maurice) DeMist of Marine City; grandchildren, Madelyn and Samuel Johnson, Ellen Koth, Zora, Xochitl (Sochi), Carmen, and Gustavo Kwasnik.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Bill Kwasnik and Fred Kwasnik.

Funeral service was conducted on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond.

Burial took place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Kenockee Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church or to the St. Clair County Agricultural Preservation Board.