

Terry James Watterworth, 59, of Monroe passed away at 2:25 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, at his home.

Terry was born on Nov. 2, 1952, in Pigeon, the son of the late Eugene Watterworth and Phyllis (Carolan) Connors. Terry married the love of his life, the former Jennifer Osborne, on May 10, 1980, in Newport. From this union came the birth of two children, Casey and Rebecca.

Terry was a 1970 graduate of Caseville High School. He served his country proudly and honorably as a member of the United States Army from Aug. 25, 1970, until July 10, 1972, during the Vietnam Conflict.

Terry supported his family with employment for more than 11 years at Northstar Steel. He then spent 20 years as a millwright for the Ford Motor Co. He loved the outdoors, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He cherished the time he spent with his family; and had passed his love of the outdoors to his son, Casey. He was looking forward to doing the same with his grandson, Connor. Terry was a member of the Wounded Woodpecker Gun Club and the American Legion. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

To cherish his memory he leaves his wife, Jennifer Watterworth of Monroe; a son, Casey (Kristina) Watterworth of Monroe; a daughter, Rebecca Watterworth of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Toni Watterworth of Clio and Cindy (Bill) Striplin of Roswell, Ga.; three brothers, Larry Watterworth of Okemos, Dan (Debbie) Watterworth of Lapeer and Jerry Watterworth (Larry Kranz) of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one step-brother, "Mick" (Lynn) Connors of Caseville; one step-sister, Colleen (Paul) Poisson of Caseville; and one grandson, Connor Watterworth of Monroe.

In addition to his parents his passing was preceded by his step-father, Wallace "Skip" Connors; his step-brother, Pat O'Connor; and a sister-in-law, Darlene Watterworth.

He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until the Mass of the Resurrection at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012, at St. Mary Parish, 127 N. Monroe St.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Cancer Connection at Mercy Memorial Hospital.

Merkle Funeral Service, 2442 North Monroe St., 734-384-5185, has been entrusted with his arrangements.

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