

Raymond Paul Zachary, 76 of Lansing, passed away on Friday, June 1, 2018 at Munster Community Hospital. Ray was born on June 24, 1941 in South Chicago to Walter and Mary Zachary. He married Barbara Busch on December 23, 1960. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary this past year. Surviving is his wife Barbara of Lansing, and two daughters, Kimberly Zachary of Lansing and Pamela (Patrick) Reel of Peoria and three siblings, Steve Zachary of Scottsdale, Lucy Schultz of Sun City, Carol (David) Peck of Pensacola and several nieces and nephews. Ray met his wife when she ran into him at the roller rink. He would go see Barb at Dog 'n Suds where she worked and Barb would come in and buy a couple of dollars of gas at Roy's Friendly Service where he worked. He also sold ice cream from a tricycle cart. Ray graduated from Thornton Fractional North High School in 1959. He served three years in the Army after graduation. In 1970, the whole family drove across country to Disneyland in California and many fun holiday weekends were spent at the Buehler's cottage in Michigan. In later years, Ray and his wife Barb enjoyed vacationing around the country and went as far as Hawaii. Ray worked as a machinist for 38 years at Inland Steel Mill and was a member of the United Steelworkers Union Local 1010. He retired in 2001 when he was 60. He was blessed with 17 years of retirement and loved to fish and golf with his friends. In addition to his local leagues, he and his friends took annual fishing trips to Lake Erie and golf outings to Florida. Always handy, he could fix almost anything. On his daily bike rides, where he probably logged over 30,000 miles, he would collect discarded items to repair. Ray became the "go to guy" for fixing lawnmowers and snowblowers. Ray gave generously on a regular basis to a number of charities and his office was full of calendars, notebooks and pens that they sent to him.