



### **JAMES JOSEPH FLOERSCH**

James Joseph “Jim” Floersch, age 54, of Osawatomie, Kansas, died Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

Jim was born May 16, 1956 at Holton, Kansas. He was the third of six children born to Mathias Henry and Jean Marie (McGrath) Floersch. He attended grade school at Sacred Heart School in Ottawa, Kansas and graduated from Ottawa High School in 1974.

He was united in marriage to Sandy Lavon Sims December 16, 1978 at the Sacred Heart Church in Ottawa. They made their home in Eudora and became the parents of seven children.

Jim worked for Century Link as an installation and repair technician. He started employment with Contel which merged with United Telephone which merged with Sprint which merged with Embarq, and they merged with Century Link. His employment with the telephone companies had lasted for 33 years.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities. His motorcycle was his love. He was very devoted to his union and felt strongly about advocating for others. Jim loved the time he spent with his kids and grandkids.

He was a member of the St. Philip Neri Church, the Knights of Columbus, and was vice president of Local CWA #6372 Union.

He was preceded in death by his mother Jean Floersch and an infant son Matthew John Floersch.

He is survived by his wife Sandy of the home; his father Mathias Floersch of Ottawa; four sons Nathan of Baldwin, Robert of Overland Park, and James and Micahel of the home; two daughters Angela Smith of Olathe and Jennifer Smith of the home; four sisters Mary Altenhofen of Junction City, Frances Falk of Robinson, Kansas, Jean Frank of Colony, Kansas, and Janice McPherson of Clarksburg, Maryland; one brother Matt Floersch of Goodletville, Tennessee; four grandchildren Dalton Smith, Clay Smith, Samantha Floersch, and Mason Floersch; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the St. Philip Neri Church in Osawatomie. Rosary will be held at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 2, 2010 followed by visitation until 8 p.m. at the Eddy-Birchard Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Holy Family Catholic Cemetery at Eudora, Kansas. Memorials are to the Miami County Cancer Foundation.