



STEVEN A. NELSON

October 13, 1952 - January 6, 2011

Steven A. Nelson, 58, of Caledonia died Thursday, January 6, 2011 surrounded by his family at his home after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born October 13, 1952 in Caledonia to Lyle and Lois (Burroughs) Nelson. He married Kathleen Graf December 16, 1972 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Caledonia. Steve started his career as a mechanical draftsman at Trane Company in 1973. In 1977 he became self employed as a master plumber and operated Nelson Plumbing and Heating and Appliances in Caledonia. Steve joined the Local Union 434 in October of 2000 and worked until his illness in 2009. He enjoyed woodworking, outdoor activities and family. His faith and family enabled him to battle his cancer courageously.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Kathleen of Caledonia; 3 sons, Michael, Matthew and Daniel; his mother, Lois, of Caledonia; and 3 sisters, Kathie (Don) Rogich and Carol (Terry) Schuldt both of Caledonia and Lisa (Mark) Inglett of LaCrescent. He was preceded in death by his father, a brother Michael, and a niece Leslie Schuldt.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 am, Monday, January 10 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main St., LaCrosse, WI. Father Michael J. Gorman will officiate and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 pm Sunday at McCormick Funeral Home, 205 East Main St., Caledonia, where a prayer service will be held at 6:30 pm. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, LaCrosse.

"Steve accepted his diagnosis of cancer with great grace and acceptance and never asked why me. He offered it up to God in the hospital in 2009 and said he didn't have 5 minutes of anxiety about it. His illness and living with that illness and subsequent death truly showed he was a man of faith and at peace and died that way. It was an honor and a privilege to be on this journey with you. God Bless you and keep you safe until we meet again.

Love, Kathy, Mike, Matt and Dan.