



James M. Nielsen

January 27, 1948 - June 24, 2006

James M. Nielsen 58, of Charlotte died Saturday, June 24, 2006. Mr. Nielsen was born January 27, 1948, the son of Vernon and Erma (Cecil) Nielsen. James was employed as a Corrections Officer at Jackson Prison and was a member of Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church. He very much enjoyed the outdoors, including the family cottage in Kalkaska where he enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, walking in the woods in the summer and skiing in the winter. Jim loved his family passionately and was always there to do a favor for friend or family. His sense of humor, common sense, and compassion for others were counted on by all. Jim was an exceptional photographer taking many photos of his kids and family in every big and small event in their lives. He also took pictures of every child on every team or at any event his children were in, and gave those photos to them. Jim's children played soccer and many other sports, and Jim volunteered as a soccer coach, Charlotte AYSO board member and referee, Boy Scout leader, and he and Deb were foster parents for many years. He will be deeply missed by Debbie, his wife of 22 years; children, Linda McCulloch, Bonnie (Eric) Betz, Joseph Nielsen, Leah Nielsen, Jay Nielsen and Jessica Nielsen; brothers and sisters, Roger (Marlene) Nielsen, Ron (June) Nielsen and Sharon (Eric) Dhanak; granddaughter Chelsea and grandsons Brandon, Jordan, David and Lucas. He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon. Funeral services will be 11:00a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church with Rev. Gary Taylor officiating. Interment will be at West Carmel

Cemetery in Charlotte. Visitation will be Tuesday 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Email condolences to the family of James M. Nielsen