

Robert J. Borchers

Robert J. "Bob" Borchers, age 59, of Oran, suddenly passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at Wilson Memorial Hospital.



He was born on Jan. 19, 1950 in Piqua to parents Richard R. and Martha V. (Bornhorst) Borchers who both survive in Houston. On Sept. 11, 1976 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Newport, he married Barbara (Wolaver) Borchers, who survives with her mother, Elma (Webb) Wolaver of Houston.

Bob is also survived by four children: Jennifer (Brian) Crim of Houston, Kyle Borchers of Perrysburg and girlfriend Tiffany Nease, Jill (Derrek) Burks of Houston, Janell Borchers of Sidney and boyfriend Keith Stang; as well as five grandchildren: Cole, Ella, Luke & Lauryn Crim and Olivia Burks. He also leaves behind seven siblings and their spouses: Ron (Kay) Borchers of Russia, Roger (Jan) Borchers of Houston, Deb (Steve) Standiford of Cincinnati, Dale (Marty) Borchers of Wapakoneta, Barb (Brian) Condon of Versailles, Jan (Mike) Bruns of Tipp City, Linda (Andy) Meyer of Russia, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and 144 first cousins. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Harold Wolaver and one nephew, Nathan Condon.

Bob attended Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, where he had been a reader, a member of the Men's Fellowship group and was active in planning the annual Turkey Festival. He was also a member of St. Remy's Knights of Columbus Council # 3890 and the Shelby County Retired Teachers Association. Bob graduated with the Russia High School class of 1968. He then went on to obtain a BA in Elementary Education and Business Administration at Miami University ('72). Bob completed his MA in Education at the University of Dayton. Known as "Mr. B." to many of his students, Bob retired in 2006 after 29 years at Hardin-Houston Local Schools, where he taught fifth grade (specializing in math and social studies) and continued as elementary principal for 10 years. Previously, he began his career as director of Shelby County Childrens Services. Bob was also a painting contractor and has owned and operated Bob Borchers Painting Company since 1980. Bob was an avid sports fan, especially when it came to his beloved Cincinnati Reds, but also the Bengals and the Miami RedHawks. He coached for several years, including Houston varsity baseball during one stretch, and he remained involved as an umpire. In keeping with Bob's wishes, he was an organ and tissue donor.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Newport with Rev. Steven Shoup presiding. Interment followed at the Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. Memorials in Bob's memory may be made to the Houston Outdoor Athletic Complex in Care of Ryan Maier, Houston High School, 5300 Houston Rd., Houston, Ohio 45333. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehret-funeralhome.com