

Augustus Attanasio, 64

May 30, 1935 – July 20, 1999

SHELBY – Augustus Eugene Attanasio was born May 30, 1935, in Long Island City, NY, son of Augustus and Mae Matyjsik Attanasio, and was one of three children in the family. He attended school through the 11th grade and while in high school he tried out for the Yankees as a pitcher. He served with the Army from March of 1956 through March of 1959.

He married Wilhelmina Zevenbergen in Holland in 1959. They were the parents of three children, Pete, Steven and Christine. Gus drove a cement truck while living in New York and beginning in 1975, he was an over-the-road truck driver. Wilhelmina died in 1979. In 1980, he moved to Shelby.

He married Sharon Leslie Swisher Feb. 28, 1981, in Avoca. He drove truck for Emken Trucking of Hancock for a number of years, retiring in 1995 due to his health. He died at his home in Shelby July 20, 1999, at age 64 years, one month and 21 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Wilhelmina. He is survived by his wife, Sharon of Shelby; his children, Pete (Jami) of Omaha; Steven (Kelly) of Deloit and Christine (Dean) Herbst of Persia; two step children, Julie (Randy) Pauley of Persia and James Swisher of Harlan; 10 grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; one step great granddaughter; two sisters, Elysse (Robert) Mannino of St. James, NY and Linda (Jim) Beisty of Wayne, PA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 24, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Father Dan Kirby officiating with military graveside rites by the Shelby American Legion Post #240. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Augie Sampson and Darrell Jacobsen. Casket bearers were Steven Attanasio, Pete Attanasio, Randy Pauley, James Swisher, Dean Herbst and Justin Kavanaugh.