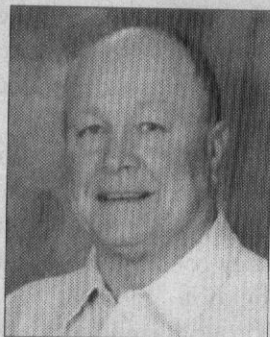


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Leon J. DeLoye

Leon J. DeLoye, 63, died at his home in Fort Loramie on July 26, 2008 after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer.



He was born Feb. 12, 1945 in Fort Loramie to Victoria M. (Steinke) and Francis H. DeLoye Sr. On July 3, 1965 he married Jacqueline L. Siegel at St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie.

Survivors include his mother Victoria; wife Jacqueline; three sons Dan (Cheryl), Mike (Kim) and Lee DeLoye, all of Fort Loramie; five grandchildren Jennifer, April, Samantha, Marcus and Rebecca DeLoye and a great-granddaughter Briella DeLoye.

Survivors also include two siblings Frank (Betty) DeLoye and Ann (Roger) Chaney, both of Fort Loramie and a sister-in-law, Rhonda DeLoye of South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Donald "Duke" DeLoye.

Leon was a member of St. Michael Catholic church, the St. Michael's Apostleship of Prayer, the Fort Loramie Community Service Club and a former member of the Kiwanis Club, where he served as president for two terms. He was also a charter member of the Fort Loramie Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Fort Loramie Athletic Boosters, and a 30-year member of the American Recognition Association.

In 2004 Leon and his wife Jackie were honored as Liberty Day's Parade Co-Grand Marshalls.

He was a 1963 graduate of Fort Loramie High School and owned and operated K&K Trophy with his wife for the past 38 years.

Leon was an avid supporter of youth baseball programs. He coached Fort Loramie Pee-Wee League, Little League and ACME League baseball teams for years. He also coached the Piqua Jr. Legion team. He played on the Filburn's, Bruckens and Town & Country softball league teams for 30 years.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday July 30, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie. The service and burial at St. Michael's cemetery were presided by the Rev. Steven Shoup. Memorials can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.