

Martin John Wilker

Martin John Wilker Jr., 51, of Celina, died Thursday, June 12, 2003 in Lawrence County, Mo. as the result of a traffic accident.

Mr. Wilker was born May 31, 1952, the son of Martin and Madonna Rammel Wilker of Celina.

He married Eileen Baltes, May 22, 1978 in Frenchtown, Ohio. She survives.

Other survivors include sons, Joseph and Andrew of Celina; daughters, Katherine (Ryan) Huff of Sidney and Deborah of Celina; and one grandchild.

Brothers, William (Marlene) of North Star, Luke (Elaine) of St. Henry, and Herbert (Doris) of St. Sebastian and a sister Esther (Tom) Beyke of St. Henry, also survive.

Mr. Wilker was a member of the St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Carthagen, president of the CCD Board for the St. Henry Cluster, the St. Lawrence Men's Society and the parish council. He was the leader of Boy Scout Troop 101 in St. Henry.

He was Past Commander of the Maria Stein American Legion and past president of the Maria Stein CountryFest. He was a member of the tractor square dancing team.

He was a 1970 graduate of Celina High School and a 1972 graduate of Miami Jacobs College, and he was employed by Tuente Livestock/Trucking in Osgood and Tiger Eye Design in Versailles.

Mr. Wilker was a veteran of the U. S. Army serving in Vietnam, 1972-1974.

Fr. David Hoying celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, June 18 in St. Aloysius Church. Burial followed in St. Aloysius Cemetery with military honors by the Maria Stein American Legion.

Hogenekamp Funeral Home, Coldwater, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wilker Family Education Fund.

