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John Edward May (Papa John) age 66 of Erie, died at his residence with his loving family surrounding him on Friday March 1, 2013 after an extended illness of ALS. He was born on January 1, 1947, son of the late Clifford C. May Sr., Jeannette Davis May Dunn and his late step-father Robert E. Dunn. John was further preceded in death by one daughter Cheryl Ann May, brother; Timothy May and nephew; Sean Colburn. John graduated from Academy High School in 1964. He went on to Behrend College and joined the GE Apprentice Program in 1966. He was employed at GE for 36 years where he worked as a Designer, in Quality Control and in Production Control, before he retired as a designer of locomotives in 2004. He also owned and operated **Wesleyville Beer** Distributor and J & D Roofing after his retirement. He was a partner in RE Dunn and Sons for 24 years and was also CFO for Kris's Lawncare and Snowplowing for five years. John loved to shoot pool and to bowl while he could until the illness hit him. He also liked to travel a lot with his wife and friends. He has visited all the Islands in the Caribbean, and was scheduled to go on a cruise in the Mediterranean in April. John was involved in Boy Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and also Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. He went from Cub Scout up to Scoutmaster in the 30 years he was involved in Scouting. He also attained the Ad Atare Dei Medal for Christian Scouting, and many awards as a leader. John was a coach in MYAA baseball and a parent rep for Bay City Football. He is survived by his wife Denae T. Cooper May and sons; Brain S. (Robin) May of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Kristopher J. (Tracy) May of Erie, his ex-wife Susan Chilcott May of Erie, eleven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. John is further survived by two sisters; Janice (Tony) Scicchitano of Plant City, Fla. and Bobbie (Jim) Colburn of Erie, one brother Clifford Chip (Rohany) May of Cincinnati, Ohio, mother-in-law Donna McCarthy and several nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Russell C. Schmidt & Son Funeral Home Inc., 5000 Wattsburg Rd. Erie, PA 16504 on Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to either; The Second Harvest Food Bank, 1507 Grimm Dr. Erie, PA 16501, or Holy Trinity Church, 2220 Reed St. , Erie, PA 16503 Please visit [www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com](http://www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com) to sign the Book of Memories