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Gary P. Benczi

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He was born Feb. 16, 1943, in Lorain, and remained a lifelong resident. He graduated from Lorain High School with the class of 1961-A. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964 as a paratrooper. Benczi was employed as an electrician in the Republic Technologies International wire department for 33 years. Prior to that, he was a welder at Fruehauf for five years. He was a chairman of both the S&A and Workman's Compensation committees and a member of United Steelworkers Union Local 1104, Lorain. He enjoyed movies, woodworking and riding motorcycles. Survivors include his wife of nine years, Willa "Pat" (nee Kuhn); son, Keith, of Hazelton, Pa.; daughter, Rachell Benczi of Lorain; two granddaughters; mother, Mabel (nee Barlow) Benczi of Lorain; brother, Timothy, of Lorain; and sisters Cheryl Poole of Cleveland and Marie Fitzgerald-Zelina of Lorain. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Benczi, in 1998. Friends may call Thursday 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Dovin Funeral Home, 2701 Elyria Ave., Lorain, where services will be Friday at 11 a.m. Private burial will follow in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

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