Lewis R. Nikora

AMHERST - Lewis R. Nikora, 68, of Amherst passed away, Thursday, October 27, 2011 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Lorain following a stroke.

Lew was born in Lorain on September 12, 1943, the youngest son of the late John and Mary K. (nee Street) Nikora. He was a graduate of Lorain High School in the class of 1961. He was a member of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church. He retired as a supervisor with the former Lorain Products, (Marconi) with service in the wire form and the transformer departments. He retired in 2001 with 40 years of service. Lew volunteered at Mary Mother of God Choice Food Pantry/ Hot Food Program, making the best ice tea in town.

An enthusiastic supporter of The Ohio State Buckeyes, he once met and spoke with Woody Hayes on the field at the "Shoe". He enjoyed watching NASCAR, going to Lorain County Speedway, following the Browns and Indians, debating politics, fishing, traveling, playing Santa over the years to several generations of children. Lew was a kindhearted, gentle and generous man, always thinking of others.

Lew is survived by his wife of 40 years, Elizabeth S. (nee Koczan) Nikora, daughter Denise E. Nikora, of Amherst, sister, Kathy Nikora, of Elyria, and brother John A. (Susan D.) Nikora of Estero, Fla. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Bobby" by Ayden and "Papa Lew" by Autumn, Everleigh, Logan, Tristan, and Lucas.

In memory of Lew's passion for the Buckeyes, Liz suggests that friends and family wear the "Scarlet & Gray" to calling hours on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 4-7 p.m. in the Schwartz, Spence, Boyer & Cool Home For Funerals, 1124 W. 5th Street, Lorain. A Funeral Mass will be held in the Mary Mother of God Catholic Church on Monday, October 31, 2011 at 10:00 am with Rev. Daniel O. Divis, as celebrant. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mary Mother of God Hot Food Program, 309 7th Street, Lorain, OH 44052 or Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256, reflecting his great respect for our military personnel.

Online condolences at www.boyer-cool.com

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