



## Duane William Hershberger

July 1, 2011

Duane William Hershberger, 76, died Friday, July 1st, 2011 at his home in Kalkaska surrounded by his loving family, following a courageous fight against cancer. He was born on September 23, 1934 and raised on a small farm in Fairview, Michigan, the son of Levi Miller and Elva Mae (Oaks) Hershberger. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Jacqueline Maida (Bergdoll Frey) Hershberger; his children Michael Duane Hershberger (Kim) of Kalkaska; Gail Hollee Macomber (Gary) of Cicero, IN; Mitchell Wayne Hershberger (Nan) of Mancelona; Gaye Erie Brueggeman (Lloyd) of Williamsburg; Wendi Lea Hudson of Shelby Township; and Jodi Lynn Crandall (Gary) of Clarkston; two brothers, Lotus Dean Hershberger (Judy) of Normal, IL. and Virgil Stanwyn Hershberger (Margaret) of Fairview; 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, as well as two of Jacqueline's children Christopher John Frey and Jennifer Amy Diamond and 3 grandchildren, all of whom he dearly loved. Duane was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lyle Bernell Hershberger; a granddaughter, Crystal Hershberger; and his first wife of 47 years, Lydia Marie (Bailey) Hershberger. After graduation from Fairview High School in 1953, Duane married Lydia on December 5th, 1953. Shortly after, in October 1954 they moved to Sanilac County where, as a conscientious objector during the Korean War, he worked as a dairy tester for 2 years and after that in Hemstreet Orchards in Bellaire for 2 years. In April of 1958, the family of 4 moved to Sleepy Hollow, California, where Duane worked at a dairy ranch for 2 years and became

proficient at feeding livestock for best milk production. Wanting to be closer to home, the family, now with 3 children, moved back to Fairview and then in 1961 to Kalkaska where the 4th child was born and 2 more children adopted into the family in 1969 and 1970. Duane ran the local feed store here until 1968. Being a farmer at heart, he left the feed store to focus on his own hog operation. However, for financial and religious reasons, he sold the hogs after 8 years. He was offered a job with Northwood Transport, Incorporated in December, 1971, where he remained for over 26 years in various positions as a driver hauling everything from pies to liquid asphalt; as a sales rep; and as a dispatcher for the company. During this time he became part owner and president of AdventAge Products, Inc., a small family business which has been in operation for over 20 years. Duane retired from Northwood on January 2, 1998 and was enjoying retirement when Lydia was diagnosed with cancer in May of 2000. She died the following October 15th.

Duane then became a volunteer at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Center of the Seventh-day Adventist Church where he met Jackie who was working as a physician there. They were married in the chapel of the Battle Creek Heritage Village on July 22, 2001.

Duane had a wonderful sense of humor, even near the end, and an uncanny ability to calculate figures in his head and remember dates and phone numbers. He was active in his Kalkaska SDA church. He travelled extensively throughout the United States mostly in his motor home. He and Jackie bought a small home in Titusville, Florida intending to avoid the snow and cold of winter in Kalkaska. Eight months of this past year were spent in Houston, TX where Duane was receiving treatment for his pancreatic cancer at the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Duane was loved dearly by his entire family and many friends. He will be missed greatly, but is resting in peace now, awaiting the coming of his Lord and Savior to take him to his final home.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, July 17, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at Kalkaska Funeral Home, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska. In lieu of flowers, a

contribution to one of the following would be welcome: Kalkaska SDA Church for Bible Workers, PO Box 1418, Kalkaska, MI 49646 or to America's Second Harvest, [www.supportfeedingamerica.org/yearend](http://www.supportfeedingamerica.org/yearend)

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