

Hiawatha , KS



Paul E. Rockey, 63, of Hiawatha died Saturday morning, May 26, 2018 surrounded by his family.

Paul was born January 15, 1955 in Hiawatha to Wilbert and Barbara Rockey. Paul grew up in Hiawatha and graduated from Hiawatha High School with the class of 1973. Paul also attended Highland Community College. Paul married Nancy Anderson on May 25, 1974 and were blessed with two sons. The couple recently celebrated their 44 year anniversary.

Paul, along with his brother Phil, and father co-founded Rockey Manufacturing Company. Paul was currently employed with RHS/Best Way Inc. for over 30 years. Paul was very active in his community. He was President of the Hiawatha Sons of American Legion Squadron Post 66, ran the Hiawatha baseball program, coached and managed American Legion Baseball for over 25 years, constructed and was groundskeeper for Noble Baseball Park, and established a local Major League Wiffleball organization.

Survivors include his wife Nancy; two sons: Brady (Michelle) of Shawnee, Kansas and Bryan (Mandy) of Hiawatha; 5 grand-children: Alex, Ashton, Payton, Pauly, and Sydney; brother Phil (Jacqueline) of Hiawatha; sisters Irena Lyon and Ruth (Tommy) Black, both of Hiawatha and Christina (Dale) Buckingham of Warrensburg, MO; father-in-law Luther Anderson and sister-in-law Connie King both of Hiawatha. Other survivors include his traveling friends: Dave and Linda Grimm, Rick and Cathy Duncan, Dominic and Linda Grier, Chris and Tami Lehmkuhl.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Kenneth "Butch" Rockey.

Funeral Services are planned for 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, Hiawatha. Chaplin Tim Champ will officiate. Interment will follow at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Hiawatha, KS.

Friends may call the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha after 12 noon Tuesday where the family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. that evening.

Memorials are suggested to the Homer-White American Legion Post 66 for the baseball program and may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S. 7th St. Hiawatha, KS 66434.