

Lancaster, KS

Melvin G. Howard, 62 of Lancaster, KS, passed away unexpectedly Friday, January 23, 2015 at his home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM Thursday, January 29, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Effingham, KS, with Father Benjamin Tremmel, OSB as Celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Ann's Cemetery, Effingham, KS. A prayer service will be 7:00 PM Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the church with visitation following until 9:00 PM. The Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Ann's Catholic Church or American Heart Association and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.beckerdyer.com.

Melvin was born June 10, 1952, the son of Mervin and Lenora (Shelite) Howard. He worked for Southern Star Natural Gas Pipeline, retiring after forty-one years. Melvin was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Lancaster Lions Club. He enjoyed working in his shop on wood working projects, going fishing and building model trains and airplanes.

Melvin married Loretta Kuntz on June 27, 1981, she survives of the home. Additional survivors include two daughters; Chelsie and Dallas Todd, Effingham, KS, Jennifer and Greg Perry, Topeka, KS, a son, Jacob Howard, Lancaster, KS, a brother, Rod and Marilyn Howard, Jamestown, KS, a sister, Fredda and Jim Gilbert, Beloit, KS, three grandchildren; Jadeyn, Ian and Brogan Perry and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Penney Finny.