

OBITUARY

After a long, heroic battle against synovial cell sarcoma, a rare form of cancer, Walter Don Broadhurst, 60, a 34-year resident of Independence Township, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday morning, October 21, 2008.

Born on March 7, 1948, in Scranton, Pa., Walter grew up in South Plainfield, and moved to the Hackettstown area in the late 1960s.

For the past 35 years he was a well-known, highly rated service technician in plumbing and heating with Agway/Suburban Propane, in Washington. He was a former Independence Township Volunteer Firefighter in the late 1970s and into the 1980s.

Walter excelled in mechanics and was known to many as Mr. Fix-It. What was less obvious to some, and perhaps even to himself, was his ability to touch and "fix" lives by sharing his example of courage, dignity, humor and love of life, throughout his 13 year battle with cancer.

Among Walt Broadhurst's greatest loves, aside from his 1972 Corvette Stingray, was his family, especially his four grandchildren.

A great outdoorsman, his adventurous spirit and willingness to learn about new things made him a great companion when doing the things he loved, like traveling, exploring the world, hiking, fishing, and camping.

Along the way, he would stop and make friends at every step and help anyone in need.

Mr. Broadhurst is survived by a family who will treasure his warmth of spirit, always; his wife of 40 years, Isabel (Markowitz) at home; his sons, Michael of Reston, Va., Mark and his wife, Maricel, of Long Valley; his loving mother, Jean Broadhurst of Broadway; two sisters, Melba Ammon of Pen Argyl, Pa., and Noreen Elston of Phillipsburg; four grandchildren, Joshua, Alyssa, Sarah, and Emily; and numerous nieces, nephews and a multitude of friends.

He is predeceased by his father, Donald.

A viewing will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Scala Memorial home, 124 High Street, Hackettstown, N.J., (908) 852-2420. Services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the Scala Memorial Home, with interment to follow at the Pequest Union Cemetery, in Great Meadows.

Donations may be made in Walter Broadhurst's name to the Sarcoma Foundation of America, 9884 Main St., P.O. Box 458, Damascus, Md., 20872.

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