



## John William Bilthuis Sr.

July 4, 1944 - January 30, 2012

Age 67, of Braidwood, IL passed away Monday, January 30, 2012 in Pittsburg, PA. Born July 4, 1944 in Blue Island, IL. John retired from Local #150 Operating Engineers in Joliet, IL. He was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed fishing, camping, and boating. Surviving were his wife, Lois (nee Kochalka) Bilthuis of Braidwood, whom he married November 9, 1963 in Tinley Park, IL; two sons, John (Jennifer Istad) Bilthuis, Jr. of Manteno, IL and Don (Jennifer) Bilthuis of Custer Park, IL; his mother, Bonnie Drozdzik, of WI; five grandchildren, Jennah, Jamee, Nathan, Joshua, and Jordin Bilthuis; six siblings, Judy (Jim) Willhoite, Tina (Dennis) Johnson, Robert Bilthuis, Clara (Charles) Grizzel, Bonnie (Steve Toothaker) Watrobka, and William (Debbie) Ostrowski; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his father, John Bilthuis; brother, Carl Bilthuis; and niece, Laura Bilthuis. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial services were held at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with visitation three hours preceding services.

# Tribute Wall



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