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James M. Dunham Sr.

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Pontiac, Ill. — James M. "Mike" Dunham Sr., 57, of Pontiac, died at 3:12 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at his residence. Cremation rites have been accorded.

His memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pontiac, with Monsignor Thomas Mack officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac.

He was born Feb. 2, 1954, at Pontiac, the son of John and Fran (Craddock) Dunham. He married Sharon L. "Shari" Norville Aug. 13, 1976, at Pontiac. She survives at Pontiac.

Also surviving are his children, Mike Dunham Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., Mandy Dunham, Naperville, and Leslie Dunham, Chicago; his brothers and sisters, Ann (Alan) Naretto, Odell, Tom (Laurie) Dunham, Bill (Julie) Dunham, Bob Dunham, Tim (Kathy) Dunham, Rick (Beth) Dunham and Becky (Travis Simmons) Dunham, all of Pontiac, and Joe (Mary) Dunham, Cornell; many nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Dunham was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Susan.

He graduated from St. Mary's School and Pontiac Township High School and attended Illinois Valley Community College.

He retired from the Union Roofing Co. in Chenoa after 37 years and was presently working for the Livingston County Housing Authority.

Mike loved being with his children and cheering for his Cubs, Bears and Illini. He enjoyed fishing and watching Jeopardy.

His family was sometimes amazed how many tidbits of information he knew.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences made online at www.martin-funeralhomes.com.

The family suggests memorials may be made to St. Mary's School or to St. Mary's Sports Boosters.

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