



Chauncey 'Dutch' Stevens

August 21, 2010

TRAVERSE CITY — A loving husband, father and grandfather, Chauncey Paul Reiter Stevens (a.k.a. Dutch) left this world to be with the Lord in Heaven Aug. 21, 2010. He was born in Kulpville, Pa., Sept. 1, 1940, to Harry and Mary Stevens. Dutch married Sandra Ludwig at 18, and soon after spent four years faithfully serving his country in the U.S. Air Force. Between the military and job availability, Dutch came to Michigan and grew to love the Grand Traverse area, which he called home for more than 30 years. He enjoyed the outdoors and taught his family to appreciate the beauty of God's creation through camping trips every year. For 38 years, Dutch supported his family as an electrical lineman and retired from Traverse City Light and Power as a superintendent in 2000. In his retirement, Dutch was able to pursue one of his greatest passions, playing his tenor banjo along with many close friends in the local group Happy Time Banjos. The more he played, the more his love grew for banjo music. At the time of his passing, Dutch was surrounded by the ones he loved the most in this world — his immediate family. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sandy; son, Craig (Johanna) Stevens, of California; daughter, Lahti (Dave) Samples, of Ohio; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both of his parents and his only sister, Myrtle. Dutch is so deeply loved and sadly missed by all his family and friends, but often expressed his wish to be united with his true love, Jesus Christ. In this thought, he is now home and waiting for his family and friends to one day join him. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, with visitation one hour prior at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial donations directed to Happy Time Banjos - Dorothy Lint, 245 Central St., Traverse City, MI 49684. The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home: www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.