



## Nate J. Danielson

January 18, 1940 - October 21, 2012

Nate James Danielson, 72, died Sunday, October 21, 2012, in the presence of loved ones at his home in Fond du Lac, following a battle with cancer. He was born on January 18, 1940, in Antigo, son of Nate and Nettie Knapkavage Danielson. Nate graduated from Antigo High School in 1958, and then served with the United States Army. He graduated from Langlade County Teacher's College in 1966 and attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, to receive both his bachelor's and master's degree. On August 5, 1967, he married Arlene Schmelter. He served his entire professional career of 31 years in the North Fond du Lac School District, serving as an elementary teacher, an elementary and middle school guidance counselor, and in 1998, he retired as a high school guidance counselor. Nate was an avid wood carver, specializing in decorative waterfowl decoys, which he entered into competition. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and cooking. Later in life, he became a Harley Davidson enthusiast and member of the Fond du Lac HOG chapter. Nate was beloved amongst friends for his good humor. He is survived by his wife, Arlene of Fond du Lac; two sons: Michael (Sheri) Danielson of Milwaukee, and Pete (Molly) Danielson of Eugene, Oregon; a granddaughter, Grace; a sister, Lucienne Stege of Antigo; his wife's parents: Dale and Lavonne Schmelter of Antigo; two brothers-in-law: Dale (Sally) Schmelter of Holland, Michigan, and Gary (Maria) Schmelter of Austin, Texas; and two nephews: Jason and Christopher. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother-in-law, Elmer Stege. A memorial service will be held at noon on Friday, October 26,

2012, at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac. The family will greet relatives and friends on Friday at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in Rienzi Cemetery. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staff of Agnesian Hospice Hope for their care and compassion.