



Marvin McClure

January 22, 2009

McClure, Marvin K. age 66, on Jan. 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Hospice, after a 4 month battle with lung and bone cancer. Born in Minneapolis on April 26, 1942, Marvin was senior class president of the South High School class of 1960 and an outstanding student athlete. Excelling in track, football, basketball, and wrestling, many of his records still stand. He attended Bemidji State University and the University of Minnesota. While a design engineer for over 20 years at Pako Photographic Company, in October 1978, Marv received a patent for a Dryer/Printer machine. Following his retirement from Pako, he restructured his life around three jobs simultaneously: ski instructor, master boot fitter, and school bus driver. He excelled and enjoyed each one. For 24 years, Marvin was a member of the education staff at Hyland Hills Ski Area in Bloomington and a level II professional ski instructor. Belonging to the Gelenda Ski Group and the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Marv was ranked as one of the top five racers in the nation often with shorter times than those in a younger ski group. As Master Boot Fitter at Pierce Skate and Ski, clients sought him from as far as Colorado to work "Marv's magic" on their ski boots. In 2006, Marvin was named "Driver of the Year" for First Student where he also trained new bus drivers and represented First Student U.S. at its corporate headquarters in Scotland. At each of these employment communities, Marvin was embraced as a member of the family, loved by one and all. He was an avid roller skater with a large circle of friends at Roller Gardens. He loved fishing and sudoku puzzles but his seemingly neverending

passion was restoring his '71 Corvette, even working on this project from his hospital bed via phone and catalogues. Marvin endured his illness with dignity, grace and strength of character. His family and hundreds of friends while mourning his passing, take comfort in the knowledge that he lived a full, passionate life and rejoice in memories of his humor, his warm and gentle nature, his amazing smile and those enormous, all-encompassing hugs. Preceded in death by his father, Albert, and his niece, Miquela. Marvin is survived by son, Phillip; mother, Alice; brother, Michael; sister-in-law, Marilyn Vigil; uncle, Donald McClure, many cousins, and loving, devoted girlfriend and companion Carole Bearon. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2076 Saint Anthony Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104 or The Caring Bridge web site. Visitation Friday, January 23, 2009 from 5 until 8 PM and Memorial Service Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 2 PM with visitation 1 hour prior to the service all at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100