

Thomas B. Snell

Thomas B. Snell, age 62, of Whitmore Lake, formerly of South Lyon, suddenly passed away July 2, 2008, while vacationing with friends in Murphy, Texas. He was born May 25, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to Bernard and Anna (Barnett) Snell. He was united in marriage to Chris Motyka on October 4, 1980 and they spent 27 loving years together until his death. Thomas had been a resident of Whitmore Lake since 1999, but grew up in South Lyon and spent most of his life in the area. He proudly served his country in the Air Force during Vietnam. He was currently employed as a Senior Fleet Services Manager with Wayne County Airport Authority. Thomas adored his family and was looking forward to the birth of his grandson, Parker Thomas, in October. He was a member of Cowtown Cruisers of South Lyon, and Sparkplugs of South Lyon. Motorcycling was his passion and he was also a member of the Ann Arbor American Hog Chapter. He loved his "toys" and his garage, where he enjoyed working on his cars and bikes or helping friends do the same. He was a history buff, who also has an interest in genealogy.

Thomas is survived by his loving wife Chris; son Matthew (Melissa) Snell; sister Susan (Richard) Chenoweth; aunt Marion Deen; mother-in-law Virginia Motyka; niece Lynda (Marty) Loden; nephew Steven (Marissa) Chenoweth; great nephew Chad McArdel; and great nieces Marie Loden and Kate Chenoweth. He is also loved by many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Time of Gathering will be held, Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. – Noon, with a Memorial Service at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 10 Mile Road, South Lyon. Pastor James N. McGuire will officiate the service. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to

American Heart Association, 3816
Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.