



Joseph E. Fowler

August 8, 1949 - July 5, 2008

Joseph E. Fowler, 58, of Indianapolis, passed away July 5, 2008. He was born August 8, 1949 in Indianapolis to Ellis Earl and Esther Ann Turner Fowler. Joseph graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in the Class of 1967 and joined the U.S. Army where he served three tours in Viet Nam as a Ranger in the 82nd Army Airborne unit and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He received a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars for his bravery. Joseph married Brenda L. Morgan December 21, 1970. He became the youngest licensed Master Plumber in the State of Indiana in 1972. It was then that he started Joe's Plumbing Installation and Repair, which he operated for 36 years. Joe was a Firefighter for the Indianapolis Fire Department serving at Station 20, where he received the Rookie of the Year Award in 1976 and the Rescue Officer of the Year in 1985. He retired from IFD in July of 2005, after 29 years of service. Joe was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church, and of VFW Post #2999. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 8, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Drexel Chapel, 4565 E. 10th St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Therese Church of the Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th St., Wednesday, July 9, at 10:00 a.m. Survivor's include his loving wife of 37 years, Brenda L. Fowler; daughters, Amanda C. Haliburton, Heather L. Drinkwater; sons, Aaron J. Fowler, Patrick J. E. Fowler (Erika); grandchildren, Morgan, Emily, Adam, Todd, Abbygale, Isabelle, Joseph, Aaron, Jr., Allison, and Phynix; father, Ellis Earl Fowler; brothers, Bill A. Fowler (Pat), Dick T. Fowler (Joy), John M. Fowler (Penny); sisters, Katie T.

Woods, Ann C. Collins (Charles), Carol M. Luken (Bill). His mother, Esther Ann Fowler; sister, Judith A. Fowler, and brother, Bob Fowler, preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #2999.