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## Howard L. "Howie" MELOCHE



MELOCHE, Howard "Howie" L. Muskegon, MI Howard "Howie" Louis Meloche, age 79, died peacefully Friday, October 10, 2014 at his residence. He was born on September 19, 1935 in Muskegon, MI, to Percy and Dorothy (Hogan) Meloche. He married Paula Engle on April 11, 1980 and she died June 15, 1997. Howie was a talented athlete, in 1953 he scored at St. Mary Catholic High School a record 46 points in a Basketball game that stood into the 1970s, and having scored the first touchdown and many more for Muskegon Catholic Central High School as a halfback. In 1956 he signed with the Detroit Tigers as a pitcher but injured his arm to end a promising career. An avid fan of Muskegon Catholic Central High School, Notre Dame University and the Detroit Tigers. He had been a manager at Zephyr Oil Co., and retired from security at the Homet Corp. Survivors include his four children, Mike (Sue) Meloche, Howie Meloche of Muskegon, MI, Diane (James DDS) Valk of Spring Lake, MI, Craig (Carla) Meloche of North Muskegon, MI; four step-children, Jeff (Pam) Wilcoxson of Houston, TX, Dee (Scott) Overkamp, Judy Pleus, and Sheryl McGovern all of Florida; 17 grandchildren, and one great- granddaughter; two sisters, Penni (Mike) Pickel and Sharron Mathes of Muskegon, MI; one brother, Bob (Mickey) Meloche of

Muskegon, MI; many nieces and nephews. The Funeral Mass will begin at 11 am Wednesday at St. Mary Catholic Church. Visitation on Tuesday will be from 4 to 7 pm at the Pachesny-Jend Funeral Home , where a Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 pm. Visitation also one hour prior to service at the church. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations to Muskegon Catholic Central High School Athlete Fund or Heaven Can Wait Animal Haven at PO Box 23 Ferrysburg, MI 49409. Pachesny-Jend 722-2488

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