

# Local Farewells...

**Joseph A. Budek**  
**Brooklyn, MI**



**1937 ~ 2009**

Died January, 24 at 71 years of age. He leaves his wife, Mary Lou, a bonus daughter, Marla (Chad) Erickson from Tecumseh and a bonus son, Marty (Alison) Montpetit from Richmond, VA, two sisters, Julia (Joe) Gulish and Cecilia (Jim) Donegan, two brothers, John (Sharon) Budek and Alex (Lola) Budek, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and four grand children. Joe is preceded by four siblings: Lottie Schmalzried, Henry Budek, Jennie Bertoni and Mary Ringlein. Joe spent his life teaching in Africa, Detroit, Manchester and was a dedicated science teacher for 28 years in Columbia Schools. He enjoyed gardening and had a passion for wildlife. He was proud of his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's Shrine Catholic Church and the Brooklyn Living Center. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to St. Joseph's Shrine Catholic Church, Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America or to Columbia Schools' science department. Visitation will be held Tuesday January, 27 from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at Borek-Jennings Funeral Home Braun Chapel Brooklyn. A funeral mass to celebrate his life will be Wednesday, January, 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Shrine Catholic Church on Rt. 12 with visitation one hour before the service at the church.

Please leave the family a farewell audio tribute by calling  
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