

## **LEON D. HUBER**

Leon D. Huber, age 68 of Jefferson, passed away on Monday, January 19, 2009 at Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 25, 1940 in Madison, Wisconsin, son of the late Jacob and Lucille (Smith) Huber. He married Donna Miller on December 2, 1967 at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jefferson.

Leon "Huey" Huber as a young man started working for Stoppenbach, a local meat processing plant. He dedicated the next 42 years to this company. In the beginning Leon started in the "beef kill." He continued and worked his way up through the company until he became a truck driver. Leon was an over the road driver for some 15 years. In an attempt to "slow it down a little" Leon moved away from truck driving and continued working in the plant slicing meat. Time passed and he moved forward yet again and finished his years in maintenance. It was during this time Leon became a Union Steward. In an attempt to help and look out for his many friends and co-workers, Leon fought tough through many labor negotiations. Leon also became a board member of the Stoppenbach Credit Union. After retiring in 2005, Leon continued to hold his position with the credit union. Although the majority of Leon's years were spent with Stoppenbach his beginning goes back to Monticello, WI, where he worked with his father Jacob, in a small family owned meat market known as Huber Meats. He then moved to Jefferson where he gained part time employment with Schroedl's Meat Market. Leon held part time on again off again employment with Schroedl's all the years he was also with Stoppenbach.

Leon's life wasn't all work. He had many hobbies and participated in many activities. As a young man Leon picked up roller skating, he had all the moves. He skated weekly with a wonderful group of friends traveling all over from Rockford, Janesville to Watertown. A very gifted and talented man, Leon took on many challenges. His love for tinkering and building things led to his passion for refurbishing old cars. While doing this he and a dear friend (Jerry Tetting) looking for a venue to show off their cars started holding picnics and invited all their friends. Many brought their cars as well. Time passed and the group grew to what eventually became the Boondockers Car Club and is still going strong today. Years later Leon's passion moved from cars to antique tractors.

At this time he became a member of the Rock River Threshere. Leon would refurbish these old tractors back to their original state. He greatly enjoyed this new hobby as his grandchildren sat and watched him work. Leon and his handy work never missed a Gemuetlichkeit parade with one of his kids or grandkids sitting proudly by his side.

Leon did take time to relax by watching both the Green Bay Packers and NASCAR. The word relax is questionable in that he was a very dedicated fan of both sports and well we all know how we feel when the Pack has a bad day. Not to mention Earnhardt or Kenseth not finishing well.

A man of many friends and loving family, no words will ever cover how much and by how many he will be missed. He is forever in our hearts a dear husband, loving father and grandfather and true friend. God bless you always.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Jefferson; two daughters: Lisa Roedl of Lake Mills, Teresa (Erick) Huber of Jefferson; one son: Donald (Diana) Huber of

Dunedin, FL; five grandchildren: Shelli (Derek) Roedl, Jacob Huber, Olivia Shelton, Louis Glenn, Arielle Glenn; and one great-grandson: Parker Alan Blomgren; two sisters: Judy Coplien of Monroe and Janice Adams of Jefferson. He is also preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Jerry Coplien.

Memorial service will be held at noon on Friday, January 23, 2009 at the Schneider-Michaelis Funeral Home, 900 W. Racine St., in Jefferson, with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Comstock officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of services.