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Richard T. Franek Sr., 68

Richard T. Franek Sr., 68, of Heidelberg, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at his home, surrounded by his family, after a 10-month battle with cancer.

He was born on September 25, 1940, a son of Tom and Mary (Benes) Franek, on the family farm in St. Patrick. He graduated from New Prague High School in 1958, then entered the service and was a member of the Army Reserves. On February 11, 1961, Dick married Betty Clarke in Prior Lake. He worked at the Green Giant factory in Montgomery and farmed in St. Patrick until 1974, when they moved to their farm in Heidelberg. Dick enjoyed spending time with friends and family, restoring tractors, fishing and hunting with his boys and grandsons. He was a member of the American Legion Post #79 in Montgomery.

He is survived by his wife; three sons Dick Jr. (Linda), New Prague, Jeff (Maureen), Montgomery and David (Marsha), Montgomery; nine grandchildren Stacy, Joe, Elly, Eric, Thomas, Anna, Lexie, Sophie and Cole; his mother; two sisters, Winnie (Dennis) Simon, New Prague and Mary (John) Horejsi, Lonsdale; and aunt Betty Sticha, New Prague. He was preceded in death by his father.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Heidelberg on Friday, Jan. 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Burial was at the St. Scholastica Church Cemetery in Heidelberg, with military honors provided by the Montgomery Area Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation was held at Schoenbauer Funeral Home in Montgomery on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.