

# Kenneth Blaine Doty, 51

Kenneth Blaine Doty, 51, of Mancelona and formerly of East Jordan, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family, friends and pets.

He was born on May 26, 1958, in Petoskey, and attended both East Jordan and Grayling public schools. After graduating high school in 1976, he attended Lake Superior State University where he earned his construction engineering degree.

Ken played basketball for Lake Superior State University and also in the Ontario (Canada) Amateur Basketball Association. Basketball was Ken's passion. He so looked forward to playing again when he got to Heaven.

Ken dedicated more than 30 years to the game by playing, coaching and officiating.

He was an active member and ordained priest of the Community of Christ Church in East Jordan. Ken also served many years as head camp counselor at the Park of the Pines summer church camp and the church's board of directors as vice president.

Ken was an active member of the Building Code Officials Council of Michigan for many years and its board of directors. Ken was recently awarded the "Code Official of the Year" by his peers at this year's Annual Conference.

He worked through the years using his God-given talents as a draftsman/engineer at Boyne Falls Log Homes. He also co-owned and operated Sunway Solar Systems in Boyne Falls.

For the last 15 years, Ken served as Charlevoix County's Building Official until January of 2009.

Ken's other interests in-



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cluded camping, canoeing, hiking, watching University of Michigan sports and Tiger baseball games, dancing with Lori, singing and listening to music, spend-

ing time with his animals and building things "up to code!"

Ken also loved flying with his good friend, Jim Eisley, over to Beaver Island. Ken, for years, had planned to skydive on his 50th birthday but because of his health was unable to do so. Instead, he jumped up to Heaven!

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Lori Hines-Doty, of Mancelona; his son, Jason Doty, of Boyne City; his mother, Ann L. Doty, of Grayling; stepdaughter, Kayla Hines, of East Jordan; stepson, Michael Hines, of East Jordan; brother, Doyle (Jessie) Doty, of Grayling; sister, Betty Eisenhauer, of Atlanta, Mich.; brother-in-law, Max Grost, of Florida; several nieces and nephews; many friends; and his loving canines, Honey, Belle and CJ; loving kitties, Harley and Jitterbug; and his loving horses, Casey and April, all of Mancelona. He was preceded in death by his dad, Jay Doty; maternal grandparents, Vern and Goldie Whiteford; and sister, Loalee Grost.

A Celebration of Life service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the East Jordan High School gymnasium. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

The family will receive friends 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to the Doty Family, P.O. Box 1214, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.