



Thomas G. Hansen

December 5, 2019

Thomas G. Hansen, age 73, of Chardon, Ohio passed away peacefully on December 2, 2019. He is survived by his wife Cathy of 49 years, daughters Laura (Sean) McGinnis and Carrie (Bryan) Chesto, grandchildren Ryan, Megan and Laina, his brother Don (Jeanette) Hansen and many nieces and nephews. Born in Chicago, Tom graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Design & Industrial Engineering. He worked as a sale rep in the pump & valve industry before opening his own business, Indian Creek Iron. There he designed and manufactured iron railings, fences, gates and unique mailboxes for 17 years. Tom raised his family in Dorsey, Illinois and then retired to beautiful Placitas, New Mexico. There he and Cathy built their Southwestern-style home on a mesa as bed & breakfast. For 14 years Tom enjoyed meeting people from all over and providing them with information, good food, stories and hospitality. Tom enjoyed building and driving cars from his first dune buggy to his Factory Five Daytona Coupe. He was also a blacksmith and designed and forged many functional and decorative pieces. What he especially found fulfilling were his 40 years as a volunteer firefighter both in Dorsey and Placitas with all the camaraderie, training and the opportunity to help others in the community. We will always remember his sense of humor, his ability to fix anything, his love for his many dogs and his love for his family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade, 463 State Highway 165, Placitas, New Mexico, 87043.