



## Richard W. Lahart

July 22, 1946 - November 17, 2009

Richard Lahart, age 63 of Hobart, passed away November 17, 2009. He graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary and served in Vietnam in the US Navy. Rich retired from NIPSCO with 30 years service and was a member of the American Legion Hobart Post 54, the Hobart VFW Post 5365, the Sportsman Club and St. Bridget Church. He was an avid fisherman and loved to travel. Rich knew no strangers and he loved life and the ladies. He was preceded in death by his wife of 20 years Joyce M. Lahart, father John Lahart and sister Barbara Irwin. Rich is survived by his mother Mary Martha Lahart of Merrillville; daughter Shannon Wilder (fiance Bob Fontenot) of Chesterton; son Ricky (Angelica) Lahart of Valparaiso; stepson Eric (Shirley) Via of Hobart; 5 grandchildren Breanne Lahart, Brandt Wilder, Ethan & Evan Lahart and Nick Via; brother Jack (Marsha) Lahart of CA; sister Ellen (Bruce) Irwin of Valparaiso, numerous nieces and nephews and loving companion Luann Rodriguez of Hobart. Funeral services will begin at 9:15 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2009 at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart proceeding to St. Bridget Church, 568 E. 2nd St., Hobart, IN for a Mass of Christian Burial. Rev. Douglas J. Mayer officiating. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Hobart. There will be an American Legion Service and VFW service at 7 p.m. on Sunday. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

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