FRANKLIN D. JOHNSON SR. - 1951 – 2014

BROWNHELM TOWNSHIP - Franklin D. Johnson Sr., 62, of Brownhelm Township, died Friday, February 14, 2014, from injuries sustained in a railroad accident while working at Republic Steel in Lorain.

He was born April 4, 1951, in Lorain, and had been a lifelong Lorain area resident.

Frank graduated from Admiral King High School in Lorain. He worked as a bricklayer for US Steel and USS/Kobe Steel. For the last few years, he had worked as a brakeman for the railroad at Republic Steel and had totaled 45 years with the steel producer.

Frank attended Broadway Assembly Church in Lorain and was a member of United Steelworkers Local #1104. He enjoyed spending time with his family, watching his grandsons play sports, and restoring classic cars.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Debra Johnson (nee Hartman); children, Franklin D. (Tracy) Johnson Jr. of Henrietta Township and Angela Johnson-Shull (Brandon) of Fremont; grandsons, Franklin D. Johnson III and Nicholas Johnson, both of Henrietta Township; sister, Judy Black of Elyria; brother, Arthur (Beverly) Johnson of Lorain; sister, Roberta (Dave) Treadway of Brownhelm Township; and sister-in-law, Arlene Johnson of Brownhelm Township.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Esther Johnson (nee Bement); and brother, Robert Johnson Jr.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway Ave., Lorain.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday 11 a.m. in the funeral chapel with the Rev. Matt Jones, pastor of Broadway Assembly Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Ridge Hill Memorial Park in Amherst Township.