

James Lee Strohecker, 68, of Freeport died on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the V.A. Hospital in Madison, Wis. Born on April 21, 1943, in Freeport, he was the son of Berton and Orelida (Barklow) Strohecker. He married Nancy J. Richtman on Nov. 17, 1976. James was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a Police Officer with the Freeport Police Department for 23 years, until his retirement in 1993. He then did security work with FHN Memorial Hospital, Stephenson County Sheriff's Department, and the Freeport Raceway. His memberships included: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, VFW, AM Vets, Pearl City American Legion, Pearl City Masonic Lodge, and Scottish Rite Bodies.

Surviving are his mother, Orelida of Pearl City; his wife, Nancy of Freeport; two sons, Steven Strohecker of Freeport and Michael (Lisa) Brooks of Belvidere; two daughters, Sandra (Anthony) Meyers and Jacquelyn (Robert) Shaffer, both of Freeport; eight grandchildren, Nathan Meyers, Corinne Castle, Timothy Castle Jr., Anthony Castle, Aaron Brooks, Trisha Brooks, Jayme Brooks, and Ashlee Brooks; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and his sister, June. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at Walker Mortuary. A memorial fund has been established in his name. Please view the Family Guest Book and sign the condolence page at www.walkermortuary.com.