Frank E. Chickering

Frank was born on July 23, 1938, in Brandon, VT, to Alice (Osmer) and Franklin B. Chickering.

He grew up in Auburn, MA, with his mother Alice, brother Kenney and sister Alice Mae. When Frank was six years old he lost his dad during World War II.

He graduated from high school and worked on various farms in the area. He later became a truck driver for Teamsters Union Local 170 in Worcester, MA. He married Dorothy Conway in 1962 and they had four children; Mary, Steven, Walter and Lynn Ann. They were later divorced and Frank continued his work with the teamsters union.

Frank met Carol later while she was on active duty in the Air Force. They enjoyed many years of camping, going to Maine on vacations and traveling; as well as spending time with Frank's children and Carol's two daughters Cheryl and Jana.

Frank always enjoyed hunting, fishing, family, friends and good food. He was a life member of the Century Sportsman Club in Auburn, MA. He was also self employed for a time cutting and selling fire wood.

Frank retired from the Teamsters Union in 1999 due to health reasons. Carol had already retired from the Air Force in 1993. Frank and Carol were married on Feb. 14, 1999, and moved to Whitewood shortly after. Falling in love with the Black Hills was very easy for both of them. They continued camping, hunting, fishing, attending rodeos and other activities. Frank enjoyed the friends he made here and always looked forward to church on Sunday.

Franklin E. Chickering, 74, of Whitewood, SD, passed away September 2, 2012 at Avera McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Memorial services will be held Monday, September 10, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Whitewood with Pastor Steve Agan officiating. Inurnment will be at the Black Hills National Cemetery with a lunch reception following at the Whitewood Sr. Citizen Center.

Thankful for sharing Frank's life are his wife Carol, his four children Mary (Kevin) Murphy of Windermere, Florida, Stephen (Melanie) Chickering of West Brookfield, MA, Walter (Amy) Chickering, Bellingham, MA, Lynn Ann (Eddie) Marcelonis of Worcester, MA; sister Alice Mae (John) Hamilton of Aliquippa, PA; eleven grandchildren and Carol's daughters and granddaughter Cheryl, Jana and Jessie.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Alice; brother, Kenneth; and infant daughter Maurene.

A memorial has been established to the Whitewood Volunteer Fire Department and the Whitewood Presbyterian Church.

The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at the Whitewood Sr. Center following the inurnment service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

John 14:1-4