



## Obituary

**Born:** Tuesday, July 31, 1951

**Died:** Thursday, November 22, 2018

William J. Rothermel

SMETHPORT- William J. Rothermel, 67, of Forest Ave., died peacefully Thursday (Nov. 22, 2018) at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

Born July 31, 1951, in Kane, PA, he was a son of William and Mae Cummings Kinney. He was then adopted and raised by his loving grandparents, Beatrice and John Rothermel. On Nov. 23, 1984, in Port Allegany, he married Jean M. Cochran, who survives.

William was a graduate of the Smethport Area Jr.-Sr. High School, class of 1969. Shortly thereafter he moved to Buffalo, NY, area and started working at the Gowanda Psychiatric Center. He later moved back to the area where he and Jean helped foster over 20 children with Beacon Light of Bradford. He had been employed as a rural mail carrier, with the US Postal Service, did maintenance for the Smethport Post Office, and worked for McKeirnan Bus Garage, Smethport, before his retirement. He also volunteered with the former Smethport Ambulance for 20 years.

He was a member of Mount Jewett Assembly of God.

He enjoyed photography and Saturday night at McKean County Raceway, selecting action shots of race cars coming out of the turns. William loved a good joke and was passionate about life.

Surviving in addition to his father, William Kinney of Michigan, are four sons, Brian J. (Sabrina) Rothermel, of Newburgh, NY, Benjamin W. (Robin) Rothermel and Joshua A. (Kassie) Rothermel both of Smethport, and Bryan D. (Lori) Greenman of Rew, PA; a daughter, Julie A. Rothermel of Hamburg, NY; 18 grandchildren; two sisters, Holly (Tim) Hettwer and Kelly (Dorin) Denis both of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, mother, Mae Cummings, and a brother, Roger L. Shunk.

Friends will be received from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, and from 10 – 11 a.m. Monday (Nov. 26, 2018) in the Hilltop Baptist Church, Gifford, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Cam Mealy, pastor of the Mt. Jewett Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Smethport.

Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Switzer Funeral Home, Port Allegany.

Condolences can be made to: Jean M. Rothermel  
113 Forest Ave.  
Smethport, PA 16749

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Sun Nov 25,  
2018

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Mon Nov 26,  
2018

### Hilltop Baptist Church

Gifford, PA

### Funeral Service

11:00 AM Mon Nov 26, 2018

### Hilltop Baptist Church

Gifford, PA