Joel R. Welch of Bloomingdale

Joel R. welch, 64, died Friday, May 20, 2011. He was born Sept. 28, 1946 in Pontiac, Michigan. A Veteran of the army, Joel was a model railroad enthusiast. He enjoyed road racing and attended many Grand Prix, but his true passion was his family.

He was the beloved husband to Virginia A. (nee Kinsella); loving father to Virginia A. (John) Carlin and Erin K. (Joseph) Beyer; dear grandfather to David and Sean Carlin, ad Bradley, Shannon and Katie Beyer; cherished son to the late Richard C. and Gertrude A. (nee Penney); and fond brother to Michael, Karen (Don_Mars and Lark (Norman) Burkhart.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, from 3 to 9 pm at the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory, 333 S. Roselle Road (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Road), Roselle.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, beginning at 8:45 am at the funeral home, going to St. Isidore Church for Mass at 9:30 am. Following the Mass, cremation will be at the Countryside Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org

For information, 630-529-5751 or www.countysidefuneralhomes.com

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