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R. Jesse Watson, age 71, of Westerville, Ohio passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Jesse was born in Columbus, Ohio on September 5, 1948, the son of the late Richard and Betty (Imwalle) Watson. He married the former Carol M. Fisher on March 16, 1968, at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

In addition to his wife, Carol, Jesse is survived by his children: Kevin (Molly) Watson and Denise (John) Schmeitzel, his grandchildren: Kyle (Corey Harpster) Watson; Kory (Mallory) Watson, a great-granddaughter, Emery Rose Watson, his siblings: Michael (Mary Ann) Watson; Linda (Chet) Hanson, and sister-in-law, Carol Watson. Also surviving Jesse are Carol's siblings: Joyce Shoemaker; Steve (Cathy) Fisher; Jan (Mark) Disterdick; Sharon Davis; and Jeff (Elsie Gongwer) Fisher. He is also survived by many other loving extended family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn McLaughlin; his brothers: Bill Watson and Bob Watson, his grandparents: Jesse and Gertrude Watson; and Henry and Catherine Imwalle, and his parents-in-law, Bud and Madge Fisher.

Jesse graduated from Upper Arlington High School, Class of 1966, where he was the co-captain of the basketball team. He attended The University of Findlay and Ohio Dominican University. Jesse spent his career in the carpet and furniture cleaning industry, from which he retired.

Jesse proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

He was an avid sports fan, and enjoyed watching his favorite teams, which were Notre Dame; The Ohio State Buckeyes; The Cleveland Browns; The Cleveland Indians; The Cleveland Cavaliers; The Boston Celtics; and The Cincinnati Bearcats (Football).

He also loved all genres of music, especially old country. His favorite singers were George Jones; Waylon Jennings; and Johnny Cash. His personality always filled the room; and he never met a stranger!

Due to the Covid19 and related travel restrictions, a Private Family Mass of Christian Burial with military honors will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jesse's memory may be made to The V Foundation for Cancer Research (919-380-9505) (Online at jimmyv.org/donate) OR, Mt. Carmel Foundation to benefit Hospice and Palliative Care Services (614-546-4500) (Online at givetomc@mchs.com).

The family would like to thank Mt. Carmel Hospice/Palliative Care for such wonderful care of Jesse in his final days. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO!