James Richard Bartel was born on May 16, 1953 in Oakland, California to Clayton Leroy and Justina Anne Bartell. James owned and operated his own welding company for 40 years. He married Lydia Vanderlan the love of his life on February 18, 1978 and they spent 33 years making a life together for their family. James was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Oroville, the Kiwanis Club, and St. Thomas Knights of Columbus, the Eagles Club and the American Welding Society. His hobbies included reading philosophy, shooting, astronomy and rocketry. He will be remembered by his family and friends as a strong opinionated, passionate loving and giving family man with a great sense of humor. James passed away on November 15, 2012 in Oroville, California.

James is survived by his loving wife Lydia Vanderlan of Oroville, CA; his daughters Bernadette Bartel of Oroville, CA; Dr. Bridgette Bartel Thomas (Troy) of Stockton, CA; his mother Justina Bartel of Oroville, CA; 2 younger sisters, 1 younger brother, 9 nieces and 6 nephews. He is preceded in death by his father Clayton, his sister Joyce Bartel, and his mother and father in law Charlie and Alberta Vanderlan.

A Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 6:00 pm with Rosary to follow at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas Catholic Church 1355 Bird Street Oroville, CA. Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 11:00 am at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323

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