

Delbert "Bart" Morton

ONALASKA – Delbert Bartley "Bart" Morton, 60, of Morrow, Ohio died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at his residence, with his sister Brenda and his best friend, Diane Burns by his side.

He was born Jan. 12, 1947 in Beckley, W. Va., the son of Lola Turner Morton and John Delbert Morton. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1993 and brother, David, in November of 2005.

Survivors include his father, John Delbert Morton of Onalaska; two brothers, John Morton and Wendell (Rebecca) Morton, all of Morrow, Ohio; nine sisters, Mary Anne (Sidney) McDaniels of Onalaska, Cathy (David) Gregson and Louise (Cliff) Foster of Pasadena, Debbie (Sidney) Moffitt, Flora (Martin) Woods and Nicole Morton, all of Livingston, Patty (Dean) Scarsborough of Howe, Okla., Vickie (Nelson) Stover of League City and Brenda (Larry) Cain of Morrow, Ohio and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Although he never walked, talked or could do much for himself, he was known as someone who accepted his life the way it was and never complained. Ever since he was a little boy, he never went to bed at night without getting on his knees and saying a prayer. He was saved and baptized at South Lebanon Baptist Church. He moved from Onalaska to Morrow, Ohio, where his sister Brenda Cain helped him. Instead of doing everything for him, she rented him a home of his own and taught him how to be independent, with a caregiver during the day but spending nights alone. He went shopping in his wheelchair, folded towels, put clothes in the washer and vacuumed while sitting in his wheelchair.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 20, at Stine Kilburn Funeral Home in Lebanon, Ohio, with the Rev. Tom Chattin officiating. His body will be taken to Onalaska, where visitation will be held Saturday, March 24, at the Cochran Funeral Home Onalaska Chapel. A funeral service followed, with the Rev. Frank Hood officiating. Burial followed in Magnolia Cemetery in Onalaska.

Pallbearers were Johnny Morton, Mike Gregson, Nelson Stover, Clifton Stover, Clifford Foster, Martin Woods, Marc Venissat and Bobby Kelly. Honorary pallbearers were Wendell Morton, Dean Scarbrough, Sidney McDaniels, Larry Cain and Travis Woods.

Condolences may be sent to the family by signing the guestbook at www.stinekilburnfuneralhome.com.