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Charles Banta

Feb. 6, 1941-Aug. 20, 2008

Charles William Banta, 67, Chicago, Ill, died Wednesday in Lincoln Park Hospital in Chicago.

Born in Portland to Willard and Mary Elizabeth (Robbins) Banta, he was a 1959 graduate of Portland High School and a graduate of Indiana University.

Retired as a worker for Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, he was a member of United Transportation Workers Union and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Survivors include a son, Willard R. Banta, Chicago; his mother Mary Elizabeth Wirth, Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Tom Banta, Portland, and Jack Banta, Westfield; a sister, Cynthia Banta, Sacramento; and three grandchildren.

Private family services will be held and burial will be held in Green Park Cemetery.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to Chicago Solidarity Branch, 1736 West Rascher, Chicago, Ill 60640, Attention: John Obedia.

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