

## **John “Mike” Retter**

10/3/1951-01/17/2017

John “Mike” Retter, age 65, 6702 West 900 South, Ridgeville, passed away Tuesday at his residence. He was born in Portland October 3, 1951, the son of Carl and Melba (Grady) Retter Jr. He was married to Christa Watson who survives. He was a lifelong farmer, served in the National Guard, 1970 Redkey High School graduate and attended Gray Schools. He was a member of the American Legion, Little League Baseball coach and West Jay Junior High School baseball coach. He was an avid Cincinnati Reds baseball fan.

Surviving are his wife Christa, Five sons Chance Retter (wife Felicia) of Redkey, John Retter Jr. (wife Hannah) of Redkey, Rhett Retter of Redkey, Case Retter of Redkey and Travis Steed of Indianapolis, one brother Barry Retter (wife Judy) of Redkey, Uncle Max Grady (wife Jackie) of Portland, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Melba Retter and a sister Karen Robbins.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Hines presiding. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey. Visitation will be Saturday from 11:00 – 2:00 PM. Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

**Baird-Freeman Funeral Home online obit (accessed 1/18/2017)**