



## In Memoriam



**James Boschard:** Graduated from Whitmer High School in 1958. Born in November, 1939.

After graduation I attended Toledo University for a year before finding my vocation as an electrician and welder, completing the apprenticeship program with Local 8 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in May 1964.

I married Ruth Hammer on May 16, 1959. We're still going strong after all these years! Life has been

an incredible journey that has taken us from the Toledo area to Brooklyn, Michigan, Las Vegas, Nevada and Sebastian, Florida, on the Atlantic Coast, where we moved following my retirement in 1999. Some of my career highlights include projects that light the Vegas skyline, including the Sands and Mirage hotel & casinos. I also had many interesting experiences during my work at the Nevada nuclear test site and the Yucca Mountain tunnel excavation.

After many years in the financial and legal fields, Ruth wrapped up her career as a paralegal specialist in 1995, after completing 10 years with the U.S. Department of Justice in Las Vegas.

We have three daughters, Cyndi, Candy and Chris. Cyndi is a freelance writer/journalist who sails down from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to visit us. I've also enjoyed sailing expeditions with her husband Scott on Lake Superior, including a memorable trip to Isle Royale National Park. They have given us two grandchildren, Shannon and Scotty. Candy, an accomplished computer software consultant, lives in New Hampshire and has traveled extensively through her career. One of our most enjoyable adventures was spending time with Candy, husband Jim and our grandsons Jack and Cole in New Zealand. Our youngest, Chris, who has had a successful and wide-ranging career in social services and education, also lives in New Hampshire, with husband Bill and our two grandsons Joshua and Jordan. Like Ruth and I, our daughters and their families are drawn to the great outdoors, boating, fishing and simply enjoying the wildlife around us.

My IBEW brothers and their families continue to be a strong presence in my life. Ruth and I are still sharing laughter and good times with long-time buddies Sandy and Jerry Grimes. Some of my hobbies include playing the stock market, coin collecting and occasional junkets to the casino. There is never a dull moment what with visits from our six grandkids, daughters, sons-in-law and friends, and we feel lucky to have been so blessed.

**Favorite memory of Whitmer High:** The Whitmer Circus, the Music Box, the Castle/Quarry parties and the Great Friends.

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