KEITH A. RATHBUN

Keith A. Rathbun, 63, died suddenly January 26 at his office in Sugar Creek. Born March 21, 1952, Keith was the son of Walton and Dorothy (Menger) Rathbun. On August 19, 1978 he wed Maxine (nee Zwieszinski), who survives. He was the dearest father of Erik (Jessica) and Nicole Reel (Dan) and the best Papa to Ella, Lukas, Sofia and Ethan. Also surviving is brother Wally (Linda). He was a brother-in-law, uncle and dear friend to many.

Rathbun was born in Cleveland and graduated from North Olmstead High School. He furthered his education at Ohio University. After graduation, he returned to the Cleveland area as a writer. He became the publisher and part owner of Scene Magazine and was instrumental in the creation of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and keeping it in Cleveland. He later moved to Sugar Creek and became publisher of The Budget Newspaper, a job he loved as he worked to serve the community.

Rathbun has served as President of the Ohio Newspaper Association where he was currently Vice President ready to become president again in a few weeks. He has recently started service as part of the National Newspaper Association. In addition, he put in countless hours working with the Sugar Creek Business Association, Sugar Creek Rotary and the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition as well as the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Swiss Festival.

Calling hours are Friday, January 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the DiCicco and Sons Funeral Home located at 5975 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights. Services will be held on Saturday, January 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the same location. Interment will take place at Whitehaven Memorial Park. A Memorial Service will be held in Sugar Creek at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Keith’s memory to Sugar Creek Rotary Club, PO Box 622, Sugar Creek, OH 44681.