Timothy Lee Cline, beloved father, grandfather, and brother, passed away January 6th after a long, courageous battle with heart failure at the University of Kentucky hospital. Born July 18th 1952, Tim is preceded in death by parents, Escoe and Georgia, and a brother, David. He leaves behind his brother, Tom, Tom’s girlfriend, Julie McHargue Smith, his daughter, Melissa Cline-Douthitt, son-in-law, Scott Douthitt, numerous cousins and friends, and his most precious joy, his grandson Harrison Lee Douthitt.

Professionally, Tim’s love of pizza making sparked his desire to become a franchisee and own a Hungry Howie’s pizzeria before moving from Michigan to Kentucky. Most of his career in Kentucky was spent working at American Greetings as a lead machine operator where he proudly maintained perfect attendance until the plant’s closure.

Tim had an immense love and interest in classic cars and always enjoyed watching football—University of Michigan football in particular. He also loved listening to classic rock musicians, especially Bob Seger and The Eagles. Even more so, he enjoyed making his friends and loved ones happy and was commonly described as being positive, kind, and generous. He will be greatly missed.

In recent years, Tim’s healthcare was overseen by the University of Kentucky’s Gill Heart and Vascular Institute. The family wants to acknowledge their tremendous efforts and care they provided to Tim, along with the phenomenal care provided by the Whitley County Home Health Department.

Visitation will be from 11-1 with a funeral immediately following at Hart Funeral Home in Corbin on Saturday, January 11th. A graveside service will then follow at Corinth Cemetery.