



## David J. Backus



David J. Backus, 74, of Pennellville, NY, passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Born in Syracuse, NY to his late parents, Edward and Thelma Backus in 1940. David was in the US Navy on board the USS Essex. After his military service he was an auto mechanic for Bill Rapp Pontiac and Dave Ball Chevrolet. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 317 Union and was a truck driver for Santaro Trucking Co. and later hauled double trailers for St.

Johnsbury Trucking Company until he retired. David owned and drove a Ford modified race car at Brewerton, Fulton, Weedsport, Rolling Wheels, and LaFargeville speedways in the 1970s. He enjoyed racing, motorcycling, boating, fishing, and his family and his dogs. David was preceded in death by his loving wife of 48 years, Suzanne Backus; his brother, Leeland Backus; and just recently his brother, Donald Backus, on Wednesday May 20. Surviving are two sons, Eric (Shelley) Backus of Phoenix, and Aron (Michelle) Backus of Fulton; two daughters, BethAnn Whelan of Pennellville, and Pamela (Gary) Pittman of Baldwinsville; one brother, George (Bonnie) Backus of Bridgeport; sister-in-law, Patricia Backus of Kirkville, and sister-in-law, Bess Backus; 18 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; aunts, uncles; nieces, nephews, cousins.