



## Thor Batenchuk

March 29, 1946 - March 9, 2013

Mirosław (Thor) Batenchuk | 1946 – 2013 Thor Batenchuk of Carneys Point passed away Saturday, March 9, 2013 at Christiana Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born in the Austrian Alps to Andrew and Olga Batenchuk and immigrated to Philadelphia at the age of four. After graduating from Canaan College in New Hampshire, Thor returned to Philadelphia to teach for one year before starting a 38-year teaching and counseling career in the Penns Grove – Carneys Point School District; including service at Carlton Elementary School, PG-CP High School and Middle School. Thor was passionate about teaching and counseling and he was responsible for bringing the Honor's Club and Peer Mediation programs to the Middle School. Additionally, he taught at the Salem Community College. Thor's community involvement included service as both a Councilman for the Penns Grove Borough Hall and as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Ancora Psychiatric Hospital in Hammonton. Thor adored his family and is survived by his devoted wife, Joyce (nee Jordan); his daughter Nicole and husband Chris Cooper of Pennsville, parents to his only granddaughter, Jordana; and his son Mark and wife Melanie of Arlington, Va. A public Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 15, promptly at 7:00 p.m. at Ashcraft Funeral Home located at 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville, NJ 08070.