

Edwards, Joseph

Joseph "J.R." Robert Edwards, 53, of North Branch and formerly of Bad Axe, died on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, and is at peace with the Lord after a long battle with cancer. He was born on Dec. 23, 1948 in Bad Axe to Robert and Ilene (Ruth) Edwards. Joseph married Lorraine Smohn on Sept. 7, 2001. Mr. Edwards owned and operated J.R. Edwards Trucking & Excavating with his son, Brandon. Joe enjoyed life as an adventure and particularly he loved his work, trips on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, boating and racing. He had a special love for the water. Joe loved his family. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Edwards of North Branch; children, Lisa Halleck and her husband, Brad, of Bay City, Brandon Edwards of North Branch, Andrea Edwards of Port Huron; step-daughter, Amy Hall of North Branch; mother, Ilene Johnson and her husband, Dale, of Bad Axe; brother, Jim Edwards and his wife, Sharon, of Mt. Pleasant; sister, Kate Dubey and her husband, Todd, of Owendale; friends, Glenn Bruce III and Steve Lawson; and many nieces and nephews whom he cherished with all his heart. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Edwards; sister, Diane Forsyth; infant brother, Richard; and special friend, Richard "Dickie" Ludwig. A memorial service was conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe with the Rev. William Wright officiating. Arrangements were handled by Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice, Hurley Children's Miracle Network or the First United Methodist Church, 216 E. Woodworth Street, Bad Axe.