

Joseph Arthur Heck

Mr. Joseph Arthur Heck, 64, of Ubly passed away Saturday night, Aug. 16, 2008 at his residence under hospice care.

Joe was born on April 8, 1944 in Bay City to the late Morris and Margaret (Jean) Heck. He married Susann Jarvis on Aug. 2, 1981 in Port Austin.

Joe was a graduate of Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores. He was employed at the GM Chevrolet Forge Plant in Hamtramck for 7 ½ years before returning to the Thumb area. He worked for Ray Cook Construction for about 10 years. Joe then started his own business, Joe Heck, Builder, which he owned and operated for 23 years before retiring in 2007. He attended a Lutheran Church in Pigeon. Joe was a member of the NRA. He enjoyed playing cards, hunting and fishing.

Joe is survived by his wife of 27 years, Susann Heck of Ubly; two sons, Joseph E. Heck and his wife, Jackie, of Oak Park, Frank Heck and his wife Leta, of Rapson; one daughter, April Walker and her husband, Lloyd of Armada; two step-daughters, Annette Grant of Elkton, Darlene Rivard and her husband, Jeff, of Frankenmuth; one step-son, Matthew Grant of Fillion; 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Edward Heck and his wife, Shirley, of St. Clair Shores, Charles Heck and his wife, Eileen, of Interlochen; three sisters, Bernice "Bunny" Uecker and her husband, Fred, of Grand Rapids, Linda Dubs of Interlochen, Mary Bolyard of Bradenton, Fla.

Joe was preceded in death by one son, Shane Heck; one step-son, Allen Grant; and one brother, Robert Heck.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will be in Valley Cemetery in Ubly. Arrangements were handled by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly.