

Smith, James

James L. Smith, 65, of Sebewaing, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, with his family by his side at Covenant Medical Center-Cooper in Saginaw following a lengthy illness. He was born Jan. 9, 1938 in Caro, son of the late Harland A. and Winona (Weaver) Smith. He was united in marriage to Delores E. Ziel on Aug. 20, 1960 in St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh. Jim had been employed at the Sebewaing Cooperative Elevator for 39 years before retiring in 1997. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and had served as a trustee. He was a former fireman for Sebewaing. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren. Surviving besides his wife, Delores, are three daughters, Diane Spencer and her husband, Larry, of Fairgrove, Cindy Sella and her husband, Rick, of Essexville, and Julie Louis and her husband, Tim, of Unionville; two sons, Scott Smith and his wife, Rose, and Timothy Smith and his wife, Cindy, all of Sebewaing; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Arlene Metzger and her husband, Joseph, of Essexville, and Joyce Mill and her husband, Gene, of Kincheloe; four brothers, Kenneth Smith and his wife, Joanne, of Sebewaing, Norman Smith and his husband, Mildred, of Boring, Ore., Lyle Smith and special friend, Judy, of Houghton Lake, and Dean Smith and his wife, Kay, of Hope; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his step-mother, Minnie D Smith. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Daniel Hahn will officiate with burial in St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Sebewaing. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from noon to 9 p.m. Monday at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. He will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the church. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Lung Association, Immanuel Radio Mission Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.