

LaFayette, Wayne

Wayne F. LaFayette, 62, of Caseville died Tuesday morning, March 19, 2002, at Scheurer Hospital after suffering a heart attack while ice fishing on Saginaw Bay. He was born Sept. 3, 1939, in Saginaw to the late Leonard and Freeda (Bischoff) LaFayette. Wayne grew up in the Saginaw area. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for four years, serving on the USS Ranger. On May 5, 1963, he was united in marriage to Shirley A. Krzyaniak at St. Josephat Catholic Church in Carlton. They lived and raised their family in St. Charles. He was employed at Delphi in Saginaw from April 1963 until retiring in January 1990 for health reasons. In 1995, they moved from St. Charles to the cottage near Caseville they had bought in 1976. Wayne enjoyed his surroundings in Michigan's Thumb by hunting deer, ducks and more. He also went fishing every chance he got and loved visiting and playing cards with all his friends, but he received the most joy by doting on his 1-year old granddaughter. He was a faithful member of St. Roch Catholic Church, serving as an usher. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Caseville-Pigeon, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Caseville. Surviving are his wife, Shirley; his son, Leonard LaFayette, USN, of Everett, Wash.; his daughter, Leanne Lake and her husband, Dale, of Greenville; his granddaughter, Alicia Lake; two sisters, Rosemary Bruske and her husband, William, of Saginaw and Ann Musielak of Hemlock; several nieces and nephews; and many close friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur. A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2002, at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville. The Rev. Fr. Kenneth Yaroch, pastor, will officiate with burial in Roselawn Memorial Garden in Saginaw. A Knights of Columbus rosary service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville. Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. this evening, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, and after 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials may be given to St. Roch Food Pantry, Knights of Columbus, or the Alicia Lake college fund.