

Stern, Donald

Donald H. Stern, 74, resident of Elkton, died Wednesday, December 10, 2003, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. He was born September 29, 1929 in Duluth, Minnesota to the late Lerimer and Katherine (Nester) Stern. He married Sandra Teague in 1994 in Bad Axe. She survives him. A lifelong resident of the Thumb area, Mr. Stern graduated from Harbor Beach High School and attended Wayne State University. He served as a county undersheriff for two years. In 1954, he started with Active Industries in the shipping department and worked his way up to becoming General Manager until his retirement in 1993. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Don enjoyed woodworking, refinishing furniture, antiques, auctions, hunting and fishing. He was a member of several clubs including the American Legion Frank Horetski Post #0499 in Port Austin for 25 years, the Moose Lodge #2358 where he was a charter member, Mason Verona Huron Lodge #365, Elf Khurafeh Shriner's of Saginaw and the Caseville Fraternal Order of Eagles for 10 years. Mr. Stern is survived by his wife, Sandra Stern; two sons, Chris Stern, of Kinde, Don C. Stern, of Bad Axe; two daughters, Patricia Matta and her husband, David, of Washington Township, Terri Orban, of Bad Axe; one sister, Lorna Belsky and her husband, Peter, of Verona, Wisconsin; six grandchildren, Melissa Matta, Jason Matta, Matthew Chicoineau, Ryan Sensenig, Tori Orban and Zachary Orban; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Ruth Stern; and daughter, Lori Sensenig. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2003, at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. The Rev. Jerry Sutton will officiate. Burial will be at Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. A Masonic memorial service will be conducted at 6 p.m. today. Memorials may be offered to Elf Khurafeh Shriner's of Saginaw or the American Legion Frank Horetski Post #0499 in Port Austin.