

**Matelski, George E.**

George Edward Matelski, 61, of Hume Township, died Thursday, December 23, 2004, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He was born on December 28, 1942 in Kinde to the late Charley and Rose (Rice) Matelski. George Matelski and Venice Bolda were united in marriage on November 2, 1968. He was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, Kinde. He worked at Tower Automotive for 42 years. George enjoyed horses, the outdoors, gardening, playing cards and hunting. He especially enjoyed visiting with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Venice Matelski; one son, Greg Matelski and his wife, Rhonda, of Bad Axe; two daughters, Shelly Baranski and her husband, Fred, of Port Austin, Tammy Marentette and her special friend, Tom Morell, of Bad Axe; two brothers, Leonard Matelski and his wife, Marlene, of Kinde, Richard Matelski, of Kinde; eight sisters, Beatrice Dobson, of Bad Axe, Irene Strozeski, of Port Austin, Delores Matelski, of Kinde, Mary Matelski, of Kinde, Josephine Rheel, of Bad Axe, Rita Williams and her husband, Ervin, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Marge Harris and her husband, Fred, of Kinde, and Michalene Champagne and her husband, Gerald, of Bad Axe; five grandchildren, Amanda Matelski, of Bad Axe, Lauren Leonard, of Bad Axe, Justin Leonard and his wife, Jessica, of Berkley, California, Chaning and Casey Baranski, of Port Austin; one great-grandson, Joseph Forester Leonard; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffery Matelski; one grandchild, Bianca Matelski; three brothers-in-law, Joseph Dobson, Harry Strozeski and Martin Rheel. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 29, 2004, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde with Fr. Robert Pare officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel, Kinde. Cremation will take place after the service and burial will be at a later date. A scripture service will be at 7 p.m. followed by a rosary prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Memorials may be offered to St. Edward's Catholic Church, Kinde.