

Long, David H.

David Henry Long, 68, of Palms passed away Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at Deckerville Community Hospital.

He was born Oct. 11, 1940 in Detroit to the late Howard E. and Clarice (Stepke) Long.

David and Frances Ryan were united in marriage Nov. 7, 1959 in Detroit.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served for four years.

David retired from the CSX Railroad in 1996 after working there for over 35 years. He was a loving father who loved to hunt with his sons and argue with his daughter. Lucky his dog and Bucky his deer were his best pals. He played cards twice a week, which he enjoyed thoroughly, and shot pool with the "Old Farts League" in Ruth. David was a private pilot for over 10 years and was a member of the AAA Flying Club out of Metro Airport. He also was a member of the Railroad Club.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Frances Long, of Palms and their children, David H. Long and Rita of Palms, Michael A. Long of Commerce Township, and Terri Pappas and her husband, Terry, of New Boston; seven grandchildren, David, Ryan, Philip, Amanda, Brandy, Racheal and Samantha; four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Nathan, Molliegh, and Jakob; brother, Richard Long and his wife, Katherine, of Novi; sisters, Jean Senkowski of Garden City and Ginny Pancake and her husband, Al, of Ypsilanti.

Funeral services for David will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009 at Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. The Rev. Theresa Cutler will officiate. Cremation will follow in Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay City.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of services Sunday at the funeral home.