

Packer, Gregory R.

Gregory R. Packer, 58, of Harbor Beach, passed away on Friday, February 3, 2006, at his home following a brief illness. Born in Flint on December 22, 1947, he was the son of Eleanor (Prettie) Packer and the late William Packer Jr. Greg was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard serving during the Vietnam War. Greg and Roberta Racknor were united in marriage on November 15, 1980 in Lapeer. He was a retired employee of General Motors, working for 17 years at Buick City in Flint. Greg also was a charter captain in Harbor Beach for more than 20 years, charting the Great Escapes Charters. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 197 of Harbor Beach, the Knights of Columbus, OLLH Council of Harbor Beach and was the former President of the Steelheaders of Huron County. Surviving are his wife, Roberta, of Harbor Beach; three sons, Gregory W. Packer and his wife, Jennifer, of Germany, William J. Packer, of Grosse Isle, Todd Packer and his wife, Jackie, of Lakeport; seven grandchildren, Justise, Mitchell, Madison, Hannah, Amber, Nadija and Nathaniel. Also surviving are his mother, Eleanor Packer, of Bradenton, Florida; and a sister-in-law, Jernice (Jack) Foe; his dog, Buck; a brother, William (Faye) Packer, of Blarsville, Georgia; and a sister, Eleanor (Dave) Harte, of Lansing. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A memorial mass will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, 2006, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church with Fr. T.J. Fleming officiating. Interment will take place in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place from 1 p.m. until the time of the service on Sunday. Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach is handling the arrangements.