

Clara, John

Dr. John R. "Jack" Clara, 64, of Cass City passed away Sunday morning, Aug. 12, 2001. He was born on July 31, 1937, in Cass City, the son of George and Maxine (Ricker) Clara. On June 24, 1960, he married Caren Cummings. He attended Central Michigan University and graduated from The University of Michigan Medical School in 1964. After serving an internship at Saginaw General Hospital, he entered the U.S. Air Force, where he was stationed in Japan from 1965 until 1969. Upon his return from his tour of duty, he served as residency at the University of Minnesota, and practiced in radiology at Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria, Minn. He returned to Cass City, and practiced at Hills and Dales General Hospital and at Scheurer Hospital until his retirement. Dr. Clara was a member of the Huron County Medical Society, The Michigan State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and The University of Michigan Alumni Association. Surviving are his wife, Caren; daughter, Kristin Doerr and her husband, Thomas, MD, of Traverse City; son, Matthew Clara of Grand Ledge and his fiance, Cathleen Jenkins; grandson, Cameron Clara; father, George Clara of Cass City; mother-in-law, Gertrude Cummings of Mt. Pleasant. He was preceded in death by his mother, Maxine, in November of 2000. Memorial services for John Clara, M.D., will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, at Cass City United Methodist Church, with Dr. Phillip Rice officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. The family has suggested memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the University of Michigan Medical School, or the charity of the donor's choice.