

**Niemiec Jr., Joseph F.**

Joseph "Joe" F. Niemiec Jr., 63, of Ubly, passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2006, at his residence with his family at his side under hospice care. He was born March 9, 1943 in Detroit to the late Joseph F. and Angeline (Peplinski) Niemiec, Sr. He married Diane Krumenaker on April 26, 2006 in Bad Axe. Joe was a 1962 graduate of Ubly High School. He was a member of the Grindstone-Port Hope Sportmen's Club for many years. He was a union member of the Operating Engineers Local 324. He was a past member of the Loyal Order of Moose Bad Axe Lodge 2358. He liked playing cards, pool, and darts. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Joe is survived by his wife, Diane, of Ubly; two daughters, Laurie Glaza and her husband, Ken, of Ubly, Yvonne Paolucci and her husband, David, of Bad Axe; three sons, Brian Niemiec and his wife, Lori, of Palm Coast, Florida, Steven Niemiec and his wife, Kristi, of Bad Axe, Jeff Niemiec and his wife, Amanda, of Ubly; three stepchildren, James Schulte and his wife, Tonia, of Pound, Wisconsin, Donald Schulte, of Oconto, Wisconsin, Theresa Kingsley and her husband, Joe, of Oconto, Wisconsin; 17 grandchildren; two sisters, Marilyn Niemiec and Mary Guigar and her husband, Eugene, both of Ubly; one brother, Tom Niemiec and his special friend, Pat Gann, of Hazel Park. He was preceded in death by one son, Joseph "Joey" Niemiec III; and one infant daughter. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006, at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Ubly, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.