

Bismack Jr., John J.

Mr. John J. Bismack Jr., 67, of Minden City, passed away after a short illness on May 2, 2008 at his home where he was born.

He was born to the late John Sr. and Eleanor (Cook) Bismack on Nov. 10, 1940 in Minden City. John graduated from Harbor Beach High School in 1958 and married the love of his life, Marilyn Murphy on May 31, 1969 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hemlock and lived in Minden City.

John was a lifelong farmer. He also worked for Dow AgroScience, retiring in April, 2004 and was a director with the Sanilac Mutual Insurance Company in Carsonville.

John was a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville where he served as a Eucharistic Minister and a member of St. Mary's Men's Club and the Catholic Family Board of Directors in Bad Axe.

John's main joy was his family and friends, followed by farming, polka dancing, playing cards, deer hunting, traveling and spending time in Florida.

John is survived by his wife of almost 39 years, Marilyn of Minden City; one son, Douglas of Minden City; one sister, Eleanor Allen of Madison Heights; one brother, Charles Bismack and his wife, Patricia, of Cornville, Ariz.; nine nieces; six nephews; six great nieces and nephews; many cousins; brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Ruth Murphy of Hemlock, William and Linda Murphy of Windsor, Co., Robert and Ann Murphy of Saginaw, Dr. John and Cathy Murphy of Highland Heights, Ohio.

John was preceded in death by one son, Joseph in 1993; his father in 1960 and his mother in 1996.

Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, 2008 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. The Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sandusky, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Mary Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Ave., in Minden City and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday at the church only. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Sunday and a Men's Club rosary at 7:30 p.m. Both services will be at the funeral home.