**Ronald Charles Essenmacher**, age 74, resident of Bad Axe, passed away Sunday, December 4, 2011 at Bay Regional Medical Center.

He was born February 17, 1937 near Helena, Michigan to the late Harold M. and Anna T. (Bukoski) Essenmacher.

Ron survived polio during his childhood. He never married and lived on the family farm until the family retired to Bad Axe in 1976. He enjoyed attending auctions, toy and model train shows and various county festivals. He was an avid toy tractor and model train collector.

He is survived by his sister Gloria (Fred) Busch of Sand Point/Pigeon, Michigan; a brother in-law, Joseph Wehener of Ohio and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister Lorraine Wehener.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by MacAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe.