Hawthorne, Bill

Bill "Whitey" Hawthorne, 58, of Caseville passed away Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born May 25, 1943, son of the late Herbert "Buck" and Betty (Barnes) Hawthorne in Wyandotte. He was united in marriage to Susan Dean on July 16, 1970. Whitey attended Melvindale Schools until his senior year when he transferred to Caseville High School where he graduated in 1962. He received his journeyman's card after attending trade school at Henry Ford Community College and became a millwright leader at Ford Motor Co. and Rouge Steel. He worked for 33 years before his retirement in 1997. Whitey was on the Caseville Harbor Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for several years. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Sons of American Legion. He liked helping the commercial fishermen when he was a teenager and he helped out at the Saginaw Bay Marina most of his life. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, traveling, cooking, fine dining, dancing and being with family and friends. Surviving are his wife, Susan; two sons, Richard Hawthorne and David Hawthorne and his wife, Cathy, all of Caseville; two grandchildren, Michael and Ashley; two sisters, Sherrie Guccini of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Renee Orabka and her husband, Neal, of St. Louis, Mo.; several nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, July 6, 2001, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville. Brother-in-law Neil Orabka will officiate with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the University of Michigan Cancer Research Center or any other charity.