

St. John, Michael R.

Michael Roy St. John, 64, of Caseville, died Friday, February 9, 2007, at his son's home after a long battle with lung cancer. Michael was born April 18, 1942 in Detroit to the late Roy and Pearl (Merchant) St. John. He grew up and attended school in Utica. He married Donna Lee Ainsley of Madison Heights on March 19, 1960 at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester. The family settled in Madison Heights and raised their family there. Mike worked in the automotive tool and die field in the Detroit area. After vacationing in Caseville for many years, he retired here permanently in 1990. He was the owner of the former Cozy Cafe and current owner of Shakers. He was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church, the Caseville Kiwanis, Caseville Historical Society, active in local politics and a former member of the Caseville Eagles. He enjoyed hunting, gambling, people watching, watching sports, woodworking, and spending time with his favorite puppy, Sue. Michael is survived by his daughter, Dawn Marie (Kenneth) Urick, of Caseville; sons, Ronald Douglas (Denise Kelly), of Caseville, and Gerald Allan (Connie), of Linwood; grandchildren, Amanda Nicole and Scott Michael St. John, James Kenneth (Amanda) Urick and Marcie (Chris) Papkey; sisters, Sharon Louise (James) Miller and Beverly Ann Taylor, both of Troy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Lee, in 2002; and son, LeRoy Michael. A Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at St. Roch Catholic Church with Fr. Rob Pare presiding. Burial will be in St. Roch Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Chapel of Caseville and from noon until the time of Mass on Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the St. Roch Food Pantry. Condolences may be shared online at www.cfcCaseville.com.