Susalla, Melvin E

Melvin Edward Susalla, 58, of Harbor Beach passed away Friday, May 30, 2008 at his father's home in Harbor Beach.

Born on Sept. 29, 1949 in Detroit to Elmer Susalla and the late Susan (Warchuck) Susalla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam a retired employee of Ford Motor Co. after working for 34 years.

Melvin was a member of the VFW Post of Harbor Beach and the American Legion Post No. 197 of Harbor Beach. He was a Past Commander of Post No. 351 in Utica; and a member of the 40 and 8 Club. He loved to garden, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his fiancé, Carolyn Hardy of Harbor Beach; father, Elmer Susalla of Harbor Beach; brothers, Dennis Susalla and his wife, Kim, of Shelby Township; nephews, Alex Susalla and Richard Typinski of Shelby Township and aunt and uncle Melvin and Jeannie Leppek of Ubly.

Melvin was preceded in death by his mother, Susan Susalla; brother, Elmer P. Susalla; and sister, Shirley Typinski.

Funeral Mass for Melvin will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville with Fr. Jerzy Dobosz officiating. Burial to follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach and from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Military honors will be given at the cemetery. Parish vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.