

Rivard Sr., Lawrence

Lawrence "Larry" Rivard, Sr., 67, of Bad Axe, passed away Thursday, September 23, 2004, at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor following an apparent heart attack. He was born on March 18, 1937 in Detroit, son of the late Francis and Esther (Kolb) Rivard. He married Patricia Vacekonis on February 11, 1956 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Detroit. He owned and operated his own trucking company for the past 21 years. He ran his dairy farm in Verona Township until 1983. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Ubly and served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife and best buddy, Patricia Rivard, of Bad Axe; two daughters: Cheryl Rice and her husband, David, of Bad Axe; and Renee Whitcomb and her husband, Edward, of Leslie; two sons: Lawrence Rivard, Jr. and his wife, Pamela, of Bad Axe; and David Rivard and his wife, Susan, of Bad Axe; one sister: Diane Malkiewicz of Lennox; 13 grandchildren: Michelle and Keith Wolschleger; David and Kelley Rice; Jaclyn, Christopher, and Rebecca Rivard; T.J. Booms; Michael, Sarah, and Jared Rivard; and Nick and Heather Whitcomb; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kayla Rice; and one brother, Robert Rivard. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 27, 2004, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Ubly with Fr. Steven Gavit, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth, officiating. Interment will be in the Verona Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. on Monday until the time of service at the church.