

### **Harwood, Gary N.**

Gary N. Harwood, 37, of Colfax Township passed away unexpectedly of heart failure Monday morning, April 20, 2009 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

He was born Oct. 21, 1971 in Harbor Beach to Gary and Barbara (Burns) Harwood.

Gary graduated from Port Hope High School in 1989 and has lived in Huron County all of his life. On May 8, 1993, he was united in marriage to Tracey L. Welshans at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church.

Gary was currently employed at CKS Tool and Engineering in Bad Axe as a lathe operator. Prior to that, he worked at Micro EDM in Cass City for eight years and at several other small machine shops.

He was a former member of the Port Hope United Methodist Church. Gary enjoyed fishing, four wheeling, car racing and was a big NASCAR fan. Gary devoted much of his free time playing with his three daughters, going to their ball games and sporting events.

Surviving are his wife, Tracey; three daughters, Kaytlin, Paige and Jayden at home; his parents, Gary and Barbara Harwood of Port Hope; two sisters, Janet Harwood of Port Austin and Nancy (Justin) Vliet of Grand Rapids; his maternal grandmother, Rita Burns of McHenry, Ill.; mother-in-law, Marilyn Welshans of Sand Point; brother-in-law, Ryan Welshans of Pigeon; grandparents, Don and Louise Welshans of Sand Point; and several aunts, uncles and many cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton with staff chaplain, Karen Bouverette officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and after 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Words of condolence may be shared at [www.cfcElkton.com](http://www.cfcElkton.com).