James S. Jones

James S. Jones, 70, of Port Hope, passed away Friday, Oct. 15, 2010 at University Hospital at the University of Michigan.

He was born April 15, 1940 in Springfield, Ill. to the late Stewart and Sylvia (Luttrell) Jones. James then joined the United States Air Force, where he worked for 23 years before transferring to the United States Army, from which he retired after 26 years. James and Susan J. Scott were united in marriage June 25, 1983 in Las Vegas.

James was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, the Bad Axe Moose Lodge and the VFW Post of Harbor Beach. He loved his old cars, as he attended the Woodward Cruise for many years. James also enjoyed cooking and deer hunting. He loved being with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchild.

James is survived by his wife, Susan, of Port Hope, and their children, Stewart Jones and his wife, Lauren, of Sterling Heights, David Jones of Lamont, Mo., Jennifer Pope and her husband, Mitch, of Coconut Creek, Fla., Nicolle Conley and her husband, Roger, of El Dorado Hills, Calif. and Wendy Pierce and her husband, Jim, of Richmond; 13 grandchildren, Christopher, Nicholas, Robert, Erica, Samantha, Britney, Michael, Brandon, Logan, Brett, Shane, Brianna and Ryan; one great-grandchild, Tyler; three brothers, Martin Neighbors and his wife, Susan, of Hartland, Gary Neighbors and his wife, Kelly, of Royal Oak and Joseph Neighbors and his wife, Lori, of Milford, and one sister, Patricia Arbour of Grand Rapids.

Funeral Mass for James will be at noon Thursday, Oct. 21, in Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, with Fr. William Spencer officiating. Burial will take place Friday at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Visitation for James will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach and from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home. A Parish Vigil Service will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. Military honors will be given in James' honor by the VFW Post of Harbor Beach.