

Clabuesch, James

Early Saturday morning, Sept. 1, 2001, James Harley Clabuesch, beloved husband of 37 years, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully after a long illness, at home with his family. In his last days, he was also surrounded by many close friends.

Throughout his life, Jim touched the lives of many, not only family and friends who knew him personally, but in everything he did. Jim served in the United State Navy for three years. For 16 years he served both as secretary and trustee on the Laker School Board, and was a dedicated member of the Pigeon Lions Club for 26 years. Jim was an electrical contractor and owner of Jim's Electric for 22 years. He was well known for his great attitude toward life, his sense of humor, and his love for a good debate. Jim was born in Bad Axe on Oct. 16, 1941, to Walter and Jewel (Pinkston) Clabuesch. He graduated from Pigeon High School in 1959 and Ferris State in 1967. On Sept. 11, 1964, he married Linda Marie Warren. They completed their family with three children, Jim and his fiancée, Carolyn Huettel, of Durham, N.C., Kathy Snyder and her husband, Mike, and their daughter Haylee, of Midland, and Ginger and her fiancée, Brian Arnold, of Rochester. In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by his brother, Fred Clabuesch and his wife, Jan, of Pigeon; sister, Jewel Bos and her husband, John, of East Lansing; uncles, Werner Clabuesch and Wendolin Clabuesch and his wife, Gertrude, of Pigeon, Blaine Pinkston and his wife, Jeanette, of Swartz Creek; aunt Wilma Gall of Seattle, Wash.; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. A celebration of his life will be conducted from 3 to 9 p.m. today, Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Scenic Golf and Country Club, 8364 W. Fillion Road, Pigeon. The family asks that memorials be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Arrangements are conducted by the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, in Pigeon.