

Gottschalk, Fred

Fredrick H. Gottschalk, 46, well-known Meade Township farmer, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2000, at his home following a long battle with cancer. Fred was born Dec. 18, 1953, in Bad Axe, son of Herman and Regina (Krajenka) Gottschalk. Mr. Gottschalk and Debra A. Frantz were married Feb. 24, 1973, at St. John Catholic Church, Ubyly, by Fr. Ben. The couple have been married more than 27 years and made their home in Meade Township where they farmed. Fred was a graduate of Kinde High School, Class of 1972, farmed with his father for many years, served on the Elkton Co-op Elevator Board of Directors for six years, was an advisory board member for Cooperative Elevators and was past president of the Huron County Bean Growers. He also was instrumental on the steering committee for the Thumb Oilseed Producers. He enjoyed playing basketball, golf and snowmobiling, coached in the Kinde softball league and was a coach for the Pee-Wee basketball team. Fred was a parishioner of St. Edward's Catholic Church, Kinde. Surviving are his wife, Debra; a daughter, Jennifer Wagester and her husband, Raymond, of Portland; a son, Jeffrey Gottschalk of Filion; his parents, Herman and Regina Gottschalk of Filion; five sisters, Elaine Fields of Kalamazoo, Frances Szymanski and her husband, Tom, of Port Austin, Virginia Gottschalk and her husband, John, of Hemlock, Pauline Booms and her husband, Ronald, of Ruth and Alice Neesley and her husband, Dan, of Glendale, Wisc.; brothers-in-law, Richard Frantz and his special friend, Marge Andreski, of Kinde and Kenneth Frantz and his wife, Sarah, of Bad Axe; sisters-in-law Denise Frantz of Whitmore Lake and Karen Talaski and her husband, Domonick, of Bad Axe; his stepmother-in-law, Dolores Frantz of Fort Meade, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral memorial Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2000, from St. Edward's Catholic Church, Kinde. Fr. John Killop, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Bay City, will officiate. A wake scripture service will take place at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel, Kinde. Visitation will be 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to United Hospice Service, Marlette, or to the family.