

Schafer, Gary M.

Gary M. Schafer, 44, of Sebewaing, died unexpectedly Monday, August 7, 2006, at his home. He was born June 20, 1962 in Saginaw, son of Alex "Sonny" and Joanne K. (Doepker) Schafer. He had been self employed. Gary was a graduate of the University of Florida. He served 5 1/2 years in the United States Navy. He was of the Catholic faith. He enjoyed golf, Nascar and was an avid sports fan, especially for the "Gators." Surviving are his parents, Alex "Sonny" Schafer and Joanne Schafer, both of Saginaw; two sisters, Lori (Steven) Sella, of Unionville, and Brenda Schafer, of Sebewaing, his grandmother, Katie Schafer, of Caro; nieces and nephews, Ryan and Tabatha Sella, Nicole Sella, and her special friend, Bryce; Jordan and Tyler Heckroth; great-niece, Laikyn Sella; great-nephew, Alexander Sella; several aunts and uncles; also his two cats, Spook and Scooby. He was preceded in death by one sister, Leanne Schafer. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2006, at Holy Family Catholic Church. Fr. John Weis will officiate with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Saginaw. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. He will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to Juvenile Bi-Polar Research or the Family Discretionary Fund. "Remember not the sorrow of life, but rather the joys, and know that I am at peace." Gary will be greatly missed by his family and friends.