

### **Craig, John J.**

John J. Craig, 80, of Bad Axe, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Courtney Manor under hospice care with his family at his side, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born November 15, 1925 in Lake Township to the late John F. and Isabelle (St. George) Craig. He was a veteran of World War II. John and Lorraine A. Pettit were united in marriage on November 3, 1951 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. John was a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. He and Lorraine farmed in Sigel Township for 37 years, retiring in 1990. He had a lifelong interest in car races, antique tractors and implements, restoring John Deere tractors and traveling with his wife and family. He was a charter member of the Thumb Two Cylinder Club and was one of it's most active members. He was instantly recognizable by his ever present cap, plaid shirts and his little wave as he displayed and paraded his restored John Deere tractors at implement shows throughout the county and state. John is survived by and will be greatly missed by Lorraine, his wife of 54 years; and their ten children, Diane Bergey and her husband, Art, of Romeo, Gregory Craig and his wife, Julie (Maurer), of Bad Axe, Laurie Polega and her husband, Dennis, of Kinde, Rodney "Joe" Craig, of Bad Axe, Brian Craig and his wife, Jeanne (Osentoski), of Potterville, Barry Craig, of Berkley, Donna Walsh and her husband, Thomas, of Sebewaing, Mark Craig, of Schoolcraft, Randall Craig and his wife, Anne (Hovanec), of Croswell, Melissa Craig, of Bad Axe; 19 grandchildren, Scott and Bill Morris, Bradley Craig, John (Lynn) and Jami Buchkowski, Stephanie, Kyle and Andrew Craig, Benjamin, Emily and Stuart Craig, Amanda and Terry Walsh, Chelsea, Charlton, Kara and Alec Craig, Danielle and Adam Craig; and one great-grandchild, Josie Buchkowski. Surviving are four brothers, Robert (James) Craig and his wife, Elsie, of Bad Axe, Eugene Craig and his wife, Alice, of Kinde, David Craig and his wife, Marge, of Kinde, Gary Craig, of Lapeer; two sisters, Frances Leneway, of Kinde, and Elaine Smith, of Omer; two sisters-in-law, Mary Craig, of Port Austin, and Evelyn Walsh, of Port Austin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harvey Craig and Kenneth Craig; one sister, Dorothy Gembariski; three brothers-in-law, Wilbur Leneway, Harold Smith, and George Gembariski. A Mass of Christian Burial will be performed at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2006, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rapson, with the Rev. James Carlson presiding. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Kaufman Funeral Home, Bad Axe, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the church. A Scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. today followed by a rosary recited by St. Joseph Rita Altar Society at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Huron County Right to Life, Heartland Hospice or St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rapson.