

VanValkenburgh, John

John G. VanValkenburgh, 34, of Chandler Township, died Saturday evening, November 8, 2003, near his home from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was born on March 22, 1969 to the late Jack and Evelyn (Perkins) Morin in Pigeon. John graduated from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School in 1988. A short time later he moved to Texas where he worked in construction. In 1998, he moved back to the Pinnebog area and was currently employed by Thompson Builders in Sandusky. He enjoyed the out of doors especially deer hunting, he was also an avid pool player. John was charismatic and enjoyed the company of his friends and especially his family. Surviving are his fiancée, Gena Leitch, of Chandler Township; his daughter, Bailey; eight brothers, Robert, of Pinnebog, Randy and his wife, Lori, of Port Austin, Tom and his wife, Carol, of Decatur, Texas, Ray and his wife, Dawn, of Elkton, Doug, of Filion, Steve, of Pinnebog, Mike and his wife, Tammy, of Deckerville, and Jim, of Pinnebog; six sisters, Judy Bannister and her husband, Lewis, of Snover, Bobbie Churchill and her husband, Skip, of Cass City, Laura Stauffer and her husband, Jim, of Pinnebog, Linda Wood and her husband, Ken, of Pigeon, Chris Swartzendruber and her husband, Marv, of Pigeon, Kathy Birchfield and her husband, Mike, of Elkton; two step-brothers, Jim, of California and Ervin and his wife, Barb, of Howell. Preceding him in death were two brothers, Bill and Rick. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, at Community Wesleyan Church, Elkton. The Rev. DeWeerd Smith will officiate with burial in Chandler Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton, and after 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be given to the family.