

Finkbeiner, Richard J.

Richard John "Dick" Finkbeiner, 68, of Sebewaing, passed away suddenly Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Born in Detroit on Dec. 5, 1941, he was the son of the late Harold and Catherine (Reigel) Finkbeiner. On February 21, 1961, he and Cora were married in Detroit.

Dick owned and operated Dick's Live Bait on Wild Fowl Bay since 1972. In addition to the bait shop and hunting equipment rental, he was a self-employed carpenter. He loved his job, the out-of-doors and treasured his faithful black lab companion "Sammy". He was a member of Ducks Unlimited for over 30 years. Dick was an avid NASCAR fan, but most importantly loved his family and adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Cora, to whom he had been married 49 years, three children, Kathy (Randy) Thompson of Caro, Carol (Christopher) Scicchitano of Panama City Beach, Fla., and Keith Finkbeiner of Sebewaing; five grandchildren, Mickey Thompson of Owendale, Michael and Maria Scicchitano, both of Florida, Rachael Finkbeiner of Unionville and Laura Finkbeiner of Kingston; two great-grandchildren, Austin Arnold and Taylor Thompson; a sister, Catherine (Steve) Slankster of Waterford; and a brother, John Finkbeiner of Detroit.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay City, and a memorial service will take place at a later date.

Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Inc. of Sebewaing conducted the funeral arrangements.