

Goretski, Leonard R.

Leonard R. Goretski, 61, of Scottsdale, Arizona and formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2006, in Arizona following a heart attack. He was born February 5, 1945 in Bad Axe, son of Robert F. Goretski and Dorothy L. (Goretski) Clancey. He graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1963 and then served in the U.S. Army. In 1969, he joined the Michigan State Police where he worked for the next 30 years. He became a detective who worked on many high profile cases. After retiring in 1999, and a brief stint as a private investigator, he moved to Scottsdale, Arizona to enjoy the retirement lifestyle, which for Leonard featured golf, a game he loved, and a dream home in McDowell Mountain Ranch. His retirement did not last long, and in 2003 he became a partner in the ShipRite Business located on Market Street in DC Ranch. He loved the work and particularly enjoyed the many customers he met and the relationships he developed. He would always go out of his way to be helpful and he brought a smile to work each day. He is survived by his son, Leonard Goretski, of Scottsdale, Arizona; daughter, Wendy Goretski and her husband, Steve Biellak, of Sunnyvale, California; two grandchildren, Cassidy and Grant Biellak, of Sunnyvale, California; father, Robert Goretski and his wife, Pauline, of Bad Axe; two brothers, Michael Goretski and his wife, Bonnie, of Bad Axe, Ron Goretski and his wife, Kimberly Chaisson, of Elk Rapids; his extended family, Debbie Kerr-Minor and her husband, Richard Minor, of Scottsdale, Arizona; his business partner, Tom Rooney and his wife, Gilda, of Scottsdale, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy L. (Goretski) Clancey. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2006, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will be Fr. James Carlson, pastor. Interment will be in the church cemetery with military and Michigan State Police rituals. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. Arrangements are being handled by the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.