

**Thiel, Thomas P.**

Thomas Perry Thiel, 68, of Bad Axe, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe, after a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 28, 1940 in Bad Axe, son of the late Harold and Julia (McCormick) Thiel. He graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School and Bad Axe High School.

After graduation from high school, he entered the U.S. Navy (1959-1963), and served aboard the U.S.S. Valley Forge aircraft carrier, and was onboard when President Kennedy ordered the blockade of Cuba during the 1962 Missile Crisis. When he left the Navy, he enrolled at the Saginaw Business Institute and obtained his degree.

After obtaining his degree, he was employed by People's State Bank in Caro, and later became manager of one of their branch banks. He subsequently worked at the Lawrence Insurance Agency in Caro, before returning to Bad Axe where he was employed at Murphy's Bakery and was embraced as a member of the family for the past 25 years. His Irish humor often was on display when he sipped a beer with friends at Cousins in Bad Axe. While in the company of friends, Perry was a capable competitor with a billiard stick, bowling ball or a set of golf clubs. He is survived by his sister, Anita (Thiel) Winters in Maryland; brother, Jerald Thiel in Illinois; nephews, Christopher (Annamari) Winters of Seattle, Wash., and Jason (Bethany) Winters of Los Angeles, Calif.; and, of course, the Irish cousins.

There will be a memorial service conducted at a later date. Cremation is being arranged by MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.