

Sroka, Gerhard A.

Gerhard A. Sroka, 77, of Bad Axe, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Sunny Acres Nursing Home. Gerhard was born June 27, 1927 to the late Hermann and Meta (Rosemann) Sroka in Kreisau, Germany. Gerhard graduated from a barber trade school and was employed at the Jacob Miller Barber Shop in Delmenhorst, Germany. In January of 1957, the World Council of Churches and the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe sponsored his citizenship to the United States. He worked at the McMullen Barber Shop, which he purchased in June 1960. He retired April 25, 1991. Gerhard was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a choir member for many years. He was a Detroit Tigers fan, past master of the Verona - Huron Masonic Lodge #365 F&AM, he was a member and past board member of the Bad Axe Lions Club and was a member of the Verona Hills Golf Club. He enjoyed polka dancing, golf, and visiting with family and friends. He is survived by two daughters, Gail Cates and her husband, Gary, of Evansville, Indiana, Cheryl Jacobs and her husband, John, of Kent, Washington; one son, Darin Sroka and his wife, Jennifer, of Bad Axe; ten grandchildren, Sarah, David, Nick, Tim Siemen, Daniel and David Hoff, Adam, Aaron and Haley Sroka, and Amber Meldrum; one brother, Gottard Sroka, of Badhersfeld, Germany; and a nephew, Lothar Sroka of Middletown, New Jersey. Gerhard is preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Gunter Sroka. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. The Rev. William Wright, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will take place at Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe or the Bad Axe Lions Club.