

John Edward Guza

(June 7, 1929 - December 4, 2012)



John Edward Guza, 83, life-long resident of Huron County, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2012, peacefully at the home of his son, Jack, in Potterville, MI. John was born June 7, 1929, to John P. Guza and Emma M. Kappler Guza, in Gladwin, MI. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the US Navy and was stationed at Memphis, TN. On March 5, 1948, John married Dessie Delores Bryant, and to that union were born their three children, Karoll, Gretchen, and John B. (Jack). On April 21, 1995, John married Joy Ann Hunt, and they shared seventeen wonderful years together. John was an avid outdoorsman who owned and operated Verona Gun Shop for many years. As a young man, he was employed at Fairmont Foods, in Bad Axe. John worked in various skilled trades throughout his life. His last position was with the State of Michigan as a power plant operator. John deeply loved his family, who knew they could find him working on a project in his barn, often with good friend, Ron McGeachy. He took pride in his ability to repair just about anything. A man of many talents, John created unique wood-constructed pieces, many of which he gave to family and friends, and was always willing to lend a hand when needed. John is survived by his loving wife, Joy Ann, his children, Karoll (Phil) Smith, of Safford, AZ; Gretchen (Mark) Bruce, of Tucson, AZ; and John B. "Jack" (Diane) Guza, of Potterville, MI, as well as grandchildren, Heather (Dave) Hellebuyck, Kirsten (Al Signore) Showers, Devon (Andrew) Stewart, Jason Guza, Tara McCormick, Nicole Guza, Ashley Guza, and Katrina Smith. Also surviving are brothers, Raymond Guza, of Port Austin; Robert (Pat) Guza, of Gagetown; sisters, Emma Howard, of Caseville, and Mary Grabb, of Cape Coral, FL, as well as eleven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving are step children, Gary (Carol) Hunt; Wendy (Garrett) Ayotte; John (Jeanette) Hunt, all of Bad Axe, and ten step-grandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Emma Guza and brothers Tommy, Jerry, Claire, Frank, and Phil Guza, and sister, Virginia Guza Cracchiolo, granddaughter, Shannon Nelson, sister-in-law, Thelma Guza, and stepson, Mark Hunt. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, at the MacAlpine Mac Chapel, Bad Axe with the Rev. Kenneth D. Lueke officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7 at the Mac Chapel and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be offered to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center Dr. Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076-4166. Condolences may be shared at www.macalpinefuneralhome.com

