

▲ John G. VanValkenburgh

John G. VanValkenburgh, 34, of Chandler Township, died Saturday, Nov. 8, near his home from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was born March 22, 1969 to the late Jack and Evelyn (Perkins) Morin in Pigeon.

John graduated from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School in 1988. A short time later, he moved to Texas where he worked in construction. In 1998, he moved back to the Pinnebog area and was currently employed by Thompson Builders in Sandusky.

He enjoyed the out-of-doors, especially deer hunting. He was also an avid pool player. John was charismatic and enjoyed the company of his friends and especially his family.

Surviving are his fiancée, Gena Leitch of Chandler Township; his daughter, Bailey; eight brothers, Robert of Pinnebog, Randy (Lori) of Port Austin, Tom (Carol) of Decatur, Tex., Ray (Dawn) of Elkton, Doug of Filion, Steve of Pinnebog, Mike (Tammy) of Deckerville, and Jim of Pinnebog; six sisters, Judy (Lewis) Bannister of Snover, Bobbie (Skip) Churchill of Cass City, Laura (Jim) Stauffer of Pinnebog, Linda (Ken) Wood of Pigeon, Chris (Marv) Swartzendruber of Pigeon, and Kathy (Mike) Birchfield of Elkton; two step brothers, Bill and Rick.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 12 at Community Wesleyan Church, Elkton. Rev. Deweerd Smith officiated and burial was in Chandler Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the family. Friends may sign the guest book at www.CFCelkton.com.