

Henry Frederick Smith
(April 15, 1931 – May 21, 2011)

Henry Frederick Smith, age 80, passed away Saturday, May 21, 2011 at his home with his family by his side.

Henry (Hank) was born April 15, 1931, at home to the late Fred and Martha (Mahoney) Smith.

Henry was united in marriage to Elma Sherwood on January 7, 1956. They enjoyed 55 wonderful years together.



Hank was a member of the Community of Christ Church. He was employed at Tower Automotive, (formerly Active Industries) for 45 years. He loved hunting, fishing, small scale tractors (his co-op tractor was his favorite), working on cars and visiting at Walt's Restaurant in Caseville with friends. He also was an avid Detroit Tiger Fan.

He is survived by his wife Elma; two sons, Robert (Karen) Smith of Kinde, Roy (Julie) Smith of Virginia; three daughters, Lois (John) Genis, of Harbor Beach, Cindy (David) Ferris of Elkton, Linda (Dwayne Keller) Bucholtz of Pigeon; a sister; Clara (Henry) Selke, of South Dakota; a sister-in-law, Donna Sherwood of Bad Axe; 14 grandchildren, Stacey (Bill) Chubb, Jason (Amanda) Smukala, Erin (Matt) Krumenaker, Tracey Polk, Nicole and Chelsea Smith, Angela (Alan) Goodwin, Stephanie (Justin) Dagarda, Todd (Alicia) Oljinik, Daniel (Alicia) Bucholtz, Elma (Justin) Bucholtz, Henry Bucholtz, Austin and Roy (Michelle) Smith; 11 great- grandchildren, 3 step- grandchildren and 8 step- great- grandchildren.

Henry was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura, on June 11, 1980; a brother, Robert; a sister, Margret Sizemore; and a son-in-law, Terry Bucholtz.

Services will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Gage Chapel in Kinde with Karen Bouverette, officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 24, from 2 – 9 p.m. and on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at the Chapel. Burial will be in Caseville Township Cemetery. Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.

The family would like to thank Dr. Rieter, Scheurer Hospital staff in acute care, as well as Heartland Hospice for the wonderful care they gave to our husband/father.