

## **Varney, James**

James "Rod" Varney, 66, of Caro, passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born May 15, 1940 in Port Hope, son of the late Clifford A. and Anna B. (Rees) Varney. He graduated from Bad Axe High School with the class of 1958 and worked for Thumb Electric as a lineman for more than 35 years retiring in 1998. Rod was a family man and was happiest while spending time with his nine grandchildren. He thoroughly enjoyed raising cattle, farming, crop touring and taking walks through the woods. He also was a proud member of the "Wells Angels." Rod is survived by four children and their spouses, Jim and Karen Varney, of Caro, Brenda and Pat Lancaster, of Klamuth Falls, Oregon, Cathy and Jim Kratz, of Caro, and Lori and Don Kukla, of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Jamie, Jordan and Richelle Varney, Denver, Tanner and Cady Lancaster, Hannah and Seth Kratz and Ashley Kukla; two brothers, three sisters and their spouses, Bill Varney, of Frankenmuth, Doug and Minnie Varney, of Caro, Doris and Max McKenzie, of Elkton, Carol and Alvin McKee, of Cass City, and Kate and Merle Sorenson, of Hessel. A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007, at the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro with Pastor Wendy Orzel, Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Brain Research. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at [www.ransfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.ransfordfuneralhome.com).