

## **Ravel, James**

James "Jim" Ravel, 65, of Bad Axe, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at his home following an extended illness. He was born on Oct. 14, 1937 in Detroit, son of the late George and Louise (Kiekens) Ravel. He married Anna Marie Affer on Sept. 20, 1958 in Grosse Pointe. She preceded him in death on Feb. 25, 1996. He married Adeline Woodworth on Aug. 17, 1996 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. He was employed by Detroit Edison Co. for 42 years as a sub-station operator, starting his career in Detroit and working throughout southeastern Michigan, spending the last 31 years working out of Bad Axe and covering the Thumb area. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bad Axe, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxilliary, the Bad Axe Lions Club from 1967 to 1972, and the Bad Axe School Board from 1974 to 1976. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees at Our Savior Lutheran Church from 1973 to 1982, the Verona Township Board of Economic Development from 1976 to 1979, and as Commander of the Sebewaing Flotilla 1507 from 1987 to 1996. He received the Coast Guard Certification, including Vessel Examiner, Instructor, and Coxwain. He enjoyed boating, crossword puzzles, and the history of lighthouses and Great Lakes shipwrecks. He is survived by his wife, Adeline "Addie" Ravel, of Bad Axe; two sons, Kevin Ravel and his wife, Linda, of Bad Axe, Keith Ravel, of Imlay City; one daughter, Laura Fabyan and her husband, Peter, of Bad Axe; two stepsons, Robert Woodworth, of Ypsilanti, Tim Woodworth, of Bad Axe; two step-daughters, Tami Salens and her husband, Walter, of Bad Axe, Carolan O'Keefe and her husband, Christopher, of Belleville; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, July 11, 2003, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will be the Rev. Elsa Pressentin. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. on Friday at the church. Memorials may be offered to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.