

Vatter, Robert P.

Robert P. Vatter, 46, of Lansing, passed away Monday, August 2, 2004, in Lansing. He was born October 20, 1957 in Cass City, the son of Donald and Marcella (Gatz) Vatter. Bob spent his childhood years in Cass City and after graduating, he came to Lansing to attend Michigan State University. He graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelors degree in public administration. He recently received a bachelors degree in religious studies from Sienna Heights University. He was currently studying as a Deacon Candidate with the Diocese of Lansing. Bob loved his parish family at St. Casimir Catholic Church where he was very involved. He most recently was the coordinator of "The Twins" Habitat for Humanity project in Lansing. Bob also served on many parish committee's and commissions and was a member of the St. Casimir Knights of Columbus Council. He met his wife, Jill A. Field, in 6th grade, and they were married on August 16, 1980. Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Jill; his parents, Donald and Marcella Vatter, of Ubyly; two sons, James and John, of Lansing; two brothers, Joe and his wife, Ann, and Michael and his wife, Jolene; a niece, Rhea; two nephews, Zach and Reese; and his best friend, Scott Mellendorf and his wife, Mary. He is preceded in death by his sister, Deborah Vatter. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 5, 2004, at 11 a.m. at St. Casimir Catholic Church, 815 Sparrow Avenue, Lansing, with the Rev. Fr. Bill Lugger as celebrant. Rite of committal will follow in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, at 4:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at St. Casimir Catholic Church where the vigil will be prayed at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to the family or to St. Casimir "Stone Upon Stone Building Campaign" in memory of Bob. Condolences may be made at www.palmerbush.com.