

Collings Melvin

Melvin Collings, 57, of Bad Axe, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at the Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. He was born March 23, 1949 to the late Earl and Genevieve (Goretski) Collings in Bad Axe. He was united in marriage on October 5, 1974 to Linda Richmond. Mr. Collings was a resident of Verona Township and a member of the Moose Lodge. Throughout his life, Mel was employed with Active (currently Tower Automotive), Doc's Carpet Cleaning, and with the Michigan State Transportation System for 22 years. He owned and operated M & L Rental for three years. He enjoyed cutting wood, camping, bon fires, deer hunting, and listening to Oldies 96 radio station. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Linda Collings, of Bad Axe; two sons, Brian and Brandon Collings, both of Bad Axe; three daughters, Kim (Chris) Schember, of Bad Axe, Jennifer (Gordon) Muma, of Sandusky, Carrie Collings and her special friend, Matt, of Pigeon; two brothers, Harold (Carolyn) Collings, of Fillion, David (Karen) Collings, of Bad Axe; two half-sisters, Betty Mundy, of Douglasville, Georgia, Arlene Collings, of Bad Axe; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Luke, and Alex; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Don Sr. (Charlotte) Bredow, of Bad Axe, Bill (Bev) Meffer, of Westland, and Gayle (Bob) Bean, of Sebawaing; and his special four-legged friend, Rusty. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2006, at the First Baptist Church of Bad Axe with the Rev. Jay Barsaleau officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.