

Thiel, Richard

Richard J. Thiel, 67, of Chandler Township, died Thursday afternoon, March 25, 2004, at Scheurer Hospital after a short struggle with lung cancer. He was born December 17, 1936 at the home of his parents in Chandler Township, Frances (Kleido) Thiel and the late John Thiel. Rich worked on the railroad as a young lad for several years before going to work for Yackle Brothers Tilling. In 1963, he went to Elkton and worked at Michigan Lumber Fabricators for 12 years until they closed. In 1977, he went to Huron Casting, Inc. where he was a Hi-Lo driver, retiring at 65. He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, and was very devoted to his family, taking care of his sister and mother at home until his health prevented it. Surviving are his mother, Francis Thiel, of Bad Axe; his sister, Mary Jean Thiel, of Bad Axe. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2004, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church. The Rev. Fr. John Weis and Sr. Theresa Fox will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. A parish vigil service will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the church. Friends may sign the guest book at www.CFCelkton.com.