

WAYNE H. HILTON

1947-1998

Wayne H. Hilton, 51 of Coldwater and former Pigeon resident, passed away Aug. 3, 1998, at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, following a short illness.

He was born Feb. 28, 1947, in Pigeon, son of Hal and Grace (Pfaff) Hilton.

He married Judy Jones on Aug. 7, 1970, in Angola, IN.

Mr. Hilton was a captain at the Coldwater Fire Department where he has worked the past 25 years. He was a lifelong resident of Branch County, graduating from Quincy High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Vietnam Era.

He enjoyed working outdoors, cutting wood and was known for his immaculate yard and surroundings, including his vehicles. He also liked to hunt deer.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Chad Hilton and Corey Hilton, both of Coldwater; his daughter, Grace Hilton of Quincy; one brother, Charles (Zenith) Hilton of Quincy; two sisters, Joann (Eric) Gilcrest of Quincy, and Sandra (William) Mason of Lansing. He was preceded in death by his father, Hal Hilton, on Aug. 31, 1997.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Aug. 18 in Coldwater. A procession of emergency service units led the procession as they paraded through the community, past the fire department office and onto Oak Grove Cemetery where special honors were presented by the Coldwater Fire Department.

