

**Kessel, Derek A.**

Derek A. Kessel, 18, of Port Hope, passed away Monday, October 31, 2005, near Port Hope from injuries he received in an auto accident. Born in Bad Axe on July 28, 1987, he was the son of Arnold and Marie (Gusa) Kessel. Derek was a senior at North Huron High School in Kinde and a student at the Huron Area Tech Center. He was looking forward to playing basketball this winter as well as going snowmobiling up north. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and other outdoor recreational activities. Derek was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope, the Port Hope Grindstone Sportsman Club and was in the Trap Shooting League. Surviving are his parents, Arnold and Marie Kessel, of Port Hope; two brothers, Albert and Arnold Kessel, Jr.; and two sisters, Rachel and Tammy Kessel, all of Port Hope; his grandmothers, Florence Gusa and Leona Kessel both of Port Hope; his godparents, Mary Schumacher and Dean Kessel; and special friends, Joshua Babiscewski, Melissa Richmond, and Shawn Baldwin. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2005, at St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope with the Rev. Gregory Eilers, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Marquardt Cemetery near Port Hope. A scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home, and from noon until the time of services on Friday at the church.