

Heck, Robert

Robert E Heck, 83, of Pinnebog, died Sunday morning, November 20, 2005, at his home following a brief illness. He was born August 16, 1921 in Winsor Township at the home of his parents, the late Edward and Bertha (Weiss) Heck. He went to Detroit and then to Midland for a short time and returned to Huron County in the mid 1940s. On December 4, 1943, he was united in marriage to Helen B. Heck at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Linkville. In 1946, he and Helen took over the operation of the tavern in Pinnebog, renaming it "Heck's Bar." In 1960, they built the brick building that's there today, making a parking lot where the old one stood. In 1997, they retired turning its operation over to their children. Helen preceded Bob in death on November 15 of last year (2004). During the 51 years that he owned the bar, he had also worked at Rooney Construction for several years, was co-operator of the Pinnebog Elevator next to the bar, and was a real estate agent with Cash Cook Realty for many years. In 1977, he and several others opened the Copper Lounge and Bad Axe Lanes at the north end of Bad Axe. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde, past president of the Michigan Beverage Association, Huron County Beverage Association, and was one of the organizers of the Huron County Health Department. Surviving are two children, Elizabeth Heck and Robert Heck, both of Pinnebog; his brother, Richard (Louise) Heck, of Cheboygan; two brothers-in-law, Emil (Catherine) Heck, of Ubly, and Herb Stark and his friend, Mabel, of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews. A private memorial service will be conducted at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde with Pastor David Putz officiating. There will be no public visitation or service. The family has suggested memorials to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 5098 Dwight, Kinde, or Heartland Hospital, 1171 S. Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe. Condolences may be left at www.cfcElkton.com.