

Matthews, Daniel J.

Daniel J. Matthews, 61, of Pinconning passed away Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 at his residence with his loving wife and family by his side.

He was born in Bay City on March 7, 1948 to John and Doris (Popp) Matthews.

He graduated from Pinconning High School in 1966 and attended Michigan State University. Dan served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army. He was a member of Pickle Packers International and the owner of Matthews Pickle Farms for many years.

He married the former Lynnea Rabideau on May 3, 1996 at First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe. Dan had an avid interest in history and political science and did extensive writing in many areas. But most of all, Dan enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years; his mother, Doris; three sisters, Ruth (Andre) Toth, Joyce, Lois; several nieces and nephews, Suzanne, Renee, Andre Z (Zoli) and Michael; sister-in-law, Karen Gracey and Mary Ann (Bill) Stanley; and a brother-in-law, Richard (Gloria) Gracey.

He was preceded in death by his father, John C. and his father and mother-in-law, Leland and Shirley Rabideau.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Joseph Miller presiding with burial in St. Mary's Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Lee Ramsey Funeral Home. A prayer service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Daniel will lie in state from 11 a.m. until the service at the church on Monday.