

**Hanson, James R.**

James Richard Hanson, 76, of Bad Axe, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2006, at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. He was born May 6, 1930 in Verona Township, son of the late Bernard and Anna (Osentoski) Hanson. He married Shirley Britt Bannick on April 2, 1972. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War where he received the Bronze Star. He was employed by Wil-Le Farms for 36 years. After retirement, he and his wife delivered the Detroit Free Press for many years. He was on the Verona Township Board of Review and the Planning Commission until resigning this fall due to declining health. He enjoyed woodworking and working in his flower and vegetable garden. He loved being with his family and playing with his grandchildren. Surviving are his wife, Shirley, of Bad Axe; one son, James A. Hanson, of Fillion; one daughter, LaDona (Larry) Carder, of Fort Gratiot; four stepsons, Dale (Cathy) Bannick, of Bay City, Dean (Joyce) Bannick, of Bay City, David Bannick, of Saginaw, and Dennis (Tammy) Bannick, of Danville, Virginia; one brother, Robert (Margaret) Hanson, of Bay City; three sisters, Joan (Russ) LeCronier, of Bay City, Gloria (Pete) Flannery, of Bad Axe, and Sharon Isel, of Bad Axe; two sisters-in-law, Carol O'Brien, of Sellersburg, Indiana, and Harriet Britt, of Bad Axe; eight stepgrandchildren; four stepgreat grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Joseph Norman Hanson; and two brothers, Ray and David Hanson. A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will be Fr. James Carlson, pastor. Interment with military rituals will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. at the church. A scripture service will be offered at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.