

DAVID THOMAS BOUVERETTE 1953 - 1995

David "Tom" Bouverette, 41, owner of Cruisin's Restaurant and Bowling Alley in Elton, died Wednesday, June 7, at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a massive heart attack.

He was born Dec. 26, 1953 in Detroit to Dorothy (Gogg) Bouverette and the late Frederick Bouverette.

On Sept. 25, 1976, he was united in marriage to Beverly Rathje at the Caseville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Bouverette entered the U.S. Marines in 1972 where he attained the rank of E-5. On his return, he was employed at Wiederhold Freight Lines for four years. In 1979, he took a position at MOCO Thermal Industries in Caseville, where he worked until the spring of this year. He was currently employed at Sebawaing Industries.

Tom and his wife purchased the old Ty's Bowling Lounge in Elton last year and reopened it as Cruisin's on Labor Day weekend in 1994.

He was a member of the Elton Missionary Church, past-president of the AFL-CIO local at MOCO, had coached T-ball, Little League, Traveling League and had served as a commissioner for the baseball program in Elton. Mr. Bouverette also served as president of the Huron Youth Center and was very instrumental in its completion and operation. Also, he was very active in youth soccer in the Elton-Pigeon Area and personally built the goal posts for the fields.

Surviving are his wife Beverly; three sons, Jeremy, Mark and Joshua, all at home, his mother Dorothy Bouverette of Elton, four brothers, Terry of Essauville, Randy (Debbie) of Elton, Keith (Jenny) of Bad Axe, and Tim of Elton; five sisters, Diane Palach of Bad Axe, Cathy (Dave) Briesmeister of Caseville, Barb (Tim) Hadden and Theresa (Gary) Miller, all of Elton, and Mary (Ray) Maurer of Bad Axe.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1991, and a brother, Frederick, Jr. in September, 1986.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 11 at the Elton Missionary Church, with the Rev. Larry Salsburey, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Elton.

Champagne Funeral Home in Elton handled funeral arrangements. Memorials may be directed to an education fund for his children.

