

Braun, Neil W.

Neil Willis Braun of Essexville went to his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday morning, April 13, 2008 in Bay City.

He was born in Bad Axe on Sept. 26, 1936 to Harold and Isabel (McNeil) Braun. He moved to Sandusky as a small boy and graduated from their class of 1954. He graduated with a B.A. in business management in 1958.

He had a 40-year career in retail management. He spent his last eight years selling giftware for Ganz Co., retiring in 2002. He did volunteer work at the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City until his health prevented it. He was a member of the Gideons for over 25 years, a past vice president and chaplain. He took great pleasure in sharing the word of the Lord, passing out the testaments to school children was so rewarding. He was a member of New Life Missionary Church of Bay City, an usher and member of the Board of Ministries. In May of 1973 he was united in marriage to Janet Snyder and she preceded him in death in 1987. On March 3, 1990 he married Patricia J. Hill-Dubey-Braun and they celebrated their 18th anniversary with a month in Bradenton, Fla.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia; one son, Douglas Braun of Taylor; one daughter; Michelle (Mike M.) Lutz of Auburn; step children, Teresa Hoppe of Muskegon, Kimberly (Mike) Fritz of Pigeon, Todd (Kay) Dubey of Elkton, Troy Dubey and fiancée, Alina Sokolowski, of Vassar; granddaughters, Heidi Braun, Amanda Dubey, Rachelle Dubey, Kaitlyn Dubey, Chelsea Dubey, Emalee Fritz, Kelsey Fritz, Mindy Hoppe, Amanda Hoppe; three grandsons, Brandon Fritz, Jason Pressler-Lutz and Nicholas Pressler-Lutz; brother, Paul (Patricia) Braun of Middleburg Hts, Ohio; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lewis (Janet) Hill, Stephen (Lynn) Hill, Kathleen (Thomas) Meagher, Barbara (William) Lackie, Jeri Herron; his niece, Susan (Tom) Sandercock and his nephew, Michael (Judy) Braun. Funeral and committal services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the New Life Missionary Church, 3121 E. N. Union Road, Bay City.

Officiating will be Pastor Jonathan Boyer.

Friends may call at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc. Tuesday from 1 to 9 p.m. Mr. Braun will be taken to the church on Wednesday to lie in state from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Memorial cards for the Gideons or New Life Missionary Church will be available at www.gephartfuneralhome.com.