

Leppek, Thomas C.

Mr. Thomas Cass Leppek, 59, died on Saturday, May 8, 2004, at his home in Bakersfield, California. He was born on June 5, 1944 in Ruth, the son of Chester and Martha (Grifka) Leppek. He married Charlotte Dixon on July 16, 2002. Tommy came to Bakersfield in 1966 at the age of 22. He was educated in Michigan; he was a 1961 graduate of Harbor Beach High School and attended St. Clair Community College in Port Huron. Tommy was owner and operator of Leppek Excavating for 32 years. He was a member of the Elks, Moose and Druids. He was a very unique individual and never met a stranger, always had a smile on his face, kind words from his lips, arms wide open and a heart as large as the universe. Family and friends will truly miss him. Tommy's first love was his wife and family and his second love was golf. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, of Bakersfield; his parents, Chester and Martha Leppek, of Ruth; step-daughter, Lisa Townsend, of Phoenix, Arizona; sister, Carol Diehl and her husband, Richard, of Pensacola, Florida; brother, Doug Leppek and his wife, Debbie, of Safford, Arizona; sister-in-law, Judy Durden and her husband, Denny, of Salinas, California; two step-grandchildren; two nieces; two nephews; and two great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Leppek. A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. The Rev. Andrzej Boroch, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and from 9 until 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Friday and a rosary by the St. Mary Men's Club at 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Church.