

Dutcher Jr., Roland

Roland E. Dutcher, Jr., 68, of Sebewaing died Monday evening, June 12, 2000, at his home following a six-week long illness. He was born Aug. 26, 1931, in Oscoda, son of the late Laurel Anna (Thibault) and Roland E. Dutcher, Sr. He was married to Doris Ann Casebier in October 1955. She preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 1980. He then married Ruth Bechler on July 6, 1982, in the Fairhaven Mennonite Church in Bay Port. Roland had been a heavy haul truck driver for Dobson-Van Haren Truck Lines for years before retiring seven years ago. He was a member of the Fairhaven Mennonite Church in Bay Port and had been involved in many of the church's activities. He also was a life member of the National Rifle Association and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Surviving besides his wife, Ruth, are three sons, one daughter and their spouses: Richard Dutcher of Deckerville, Randy Dutcher and his wife, Pam, of Gautier, Miss., Robert Dutcher and his wife, Carol, of Bradenton, Fla., and Deanne Dutcher and her companion, Michael Nast, of Sebewaing; his father, Roland Dutcher, Sr., of Deckerville; nine grandchildren, Dennis, Melissa (serving in the U.S. Navy), Jessica, John, Joseph, Matthew, Ronny, Raymond and Tiffany; one great-grandson, Brandon; three brothers, one sister and their spouses, Leroy Dutcher and his wife, Louise, of Deckerville, Jerry Dutcher and his wife, Kathy, of Florida, David Dutcher and his wife, Chris, of Port Huron, and Laurel Decoteau and her husband, Louis, of Port Sanilac; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Ronald; and one brother, Ralph Dutcher. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, June 16, 2000, at Pigeon River Mennonite Church in Pigeon. Pastor Wayne Keim, Pastor Ken Dietzel and Pastor Scott Kingsley will officiate with burial in New Bay Port Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. He will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to Fairhaven Mennonite Church or Huron Memorial Hospice.