

### **Cucchiara, Giuseppe "Joe"**

Joe Cucchiara, 65, of Sand Point, died unexpectedly on Thursday, June 3, 2004, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He was born September 1, 1938 in Montelepre, Sicily, Italy, son of the late Giuseppe and Concetta Cucchiara. Joe married Monica Yaroach in 1981 in Detroit. Joe is survived by his wife, Monica, of Sand Point; four children, Maria Cucchiara and Vincenzo Cucchiara, both of Sand Point, and Giuseppe Cucchiara and Pietro Cucchiara, both of New Port Richey, Florida; two grandchildren; two brothers, Salvatore Cucchiara and his wife, Maria, of Port Austin, and Giacchino Cucchiara, of Montelepre, Sicily, Italy; two sisters, Rosa Cucchiara and Maria Cucchiara, both of Montelepre, Sicily, Italy; and six nieces and nephews, Joseph, Filippo, Salvatore, Jr., and Francesca Cucchiara, and Katia and Salvatore Ferrigno. He was preceded in death by his brother, Vincenzo Cucchiara. Joe moved to Port Austin from Detroit in 1976 and started Joe's Pizzeria in Port Austin. In 1980, he opened Giuseppe's Pizzeria in Caseville. He enjoyed spending his time with his family. He had a passion for cooking that kept him busy in his restaurant. Joe also enjoyed gardening, watching sports and CNN, and was proud to have recently become a United States citizen. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Pare, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Roch's Cemetery in Caseville. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday, and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. There will be a vigil service, led by Sister Margaret Ann Roggenbuck at 7 p.m. on Monday followed by a rosary at the funeral home.