

Gottschalk, Ralph

Ralph E. Gottschalk, 56, life-long resident and farmer of Colfax Township, Bad Axe, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, due to a farm accident. He was born May 5, 1945, in Bad Axe to the late Louis August Gottschalk Sr. and Marge (Peavey) Young. Mr. Ralph Gottschalk and Miss Bonnie Parker were united in marriage on March 31, 1973. He was a graduate of Bad Axe High School, class of 1963. Ralph enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of the Bare Acres "Ponderosa" deer hunt club. Surviving are his wife, Bonnie; one son, Todd Gottschalk, of Bad Axe; two daughters, Jennifer Gottschalk of Bad Axe and her special friend, Harold Talaski, and Chrystal Mattocks and her husband, Steve, of Bad Axe; one granddaughter, Amanda Talaski; his mother, Marge (Peavey) Young of Elkton; one sister, Gloria LeJeune and her husband, William Sr., of Bad Axe; two brothers, Ronald Gottschalk and his wife, Harriet, of Hastings, Fla., and Sam Gottschalk and his wife, Sue, of Elkton; a sister-in-law, Susan Gottschalk, of Bad Axe; and many loving nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his father, Louis August Gottschalk Sr.; and three brothers, Johnny, Alvin and Louis Jr. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2001, at the Evangel Life Assembly of God Church in Bad Axe with the Rev. Robert Smith, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials may be offered to the family.