

## **Prill, Gary**

After fighting a four and a half year battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease, Gary "Guppy" Douglas Prill, 48, life-long resident of Huron County, was called home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001.

Although he is gone, he will be remembered most for the courage and strength he possessed, knowing the battle he was fighting would eventually overcome him. He was considered an inspiration by many. He was born on Dec. 21, 1952, to John and Marilyn (Will) Prill, graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1971 and was united in marriage on April 12, 1975 to Sandra Miller at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved bowling, Scrabble, and playing horseshoes. Gary most of all loved the company of friends and family. He is survived by Sandy, his wife of 26 years; three daughters, Becky Mattice and her husband, Kevin, of Bad Axe, Jessica Prill and her special friend, Tim Brade, of Bad Axe, Rachael Prill and her special friend, Lane Kautz, of Lake Orion; three grandchildren, Caitlyn and Samantha Mattice, and Bailey Hacker all of Bad Axe; his parents, John and Marilyn Prill of Bad Axe; three brothers, John Prill and his wife, Patricia, Daniel Prill and his wife, Rhonda, and Christopher Prill, all of Bad Axe; five sisters, Julie Varoski and her husband, Bill, of Sandusky, Linda Cook and her husband, Wayne, of Fillion, Cheryl Wrubel and her husband, Steve, of Harbor Beach, Cindy Mullin and her husband, Terry, of Caro, and Melanie Pollum and her husband, Marvin, of Bad Axe; 36 nieces and nephews, Misty, Sarah, Jenny, John, Melissa, Vanessa, and Trista Prill, Travis Lemanski and his wife, Julie, Tina Vuillemot and her husband, Brian, Tracy Maurer and her husband, Keith, Jason and Alicia Cook, Amanda, Steve, Nick, and Eric Wrubel, Marvin and Breanna Pollum, Troy, Treavor, and Trent Mullin, David, Michelle, Jackie, Robin, and Nathan Crandall, Sarah, Kirstyn, Julia, and Jordan Miller, Rhonda and Hanna VanErp, and A.J. and Alicia Damrow. He was preceded in death by one sister-in-law, Cheryl Meinhold; his grandparents, Albert and Barbara Prill, and Elmer and Vera Will; four aunts, Geniveve Essemacher, Michella Krozek, Shirley Gordon, Ida Deeg; two uncles, Clarence and Sylvester Prill. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Fr. John Killop will officiate. Burial will take place in the church cemetery. A parish wake scripture service will be offered at 7:30 p.m. today at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to the family.