

JAMES WILLIAM BLACKBURN

1942-1996

Jim Blackburn, 54 of Port Austin, died Tuesday, Sept. 17 after a short illness.

He was born July 16, 1942 in Detroit to Nada (Nasovich) Blackburn and the late Samuel Blackburn.

Mr. Blackburn was a graduate of Southeastern High School, Detroit, and a former employee of Chrysler Corp., Detroit. In 1980, he and his family moved to Alaska where he lived until 1994, moving to Port Austin to look after his mother. He worked in maintenance at Huron Memorial Hospital, EAd Ave, until his illness forced him to take leave this spring.

He leaves four children: Tammy (Curt) Johnson of Anacortes, Wash., Scott Blackburn of Sutton, Alaska, Lisa (Brian) Mahan, and Stacey (Joe) Browning of Claw Gulch, Alaska; nine grandchildren; his mother, Nada Blackburn of Port Austin; his brother, Steven (Debbie) Blackburn of Grosse Pointe; and his sister, Myra (Tom) Pierce of Crystal Lake, Ill.

Memorial services were conducted at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, with Rev. Pete Crawford of Elkton United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Alaska.

Memorials may be directed to Friends for Life Hospice at Huron Memorial Hospital.