

## **McPhail, Robert**

Robert J. McPhail, 60, of Owendale, died unexpectedly Tuesday morning, November 11, 2003, due to injuries received in an elevator accident in Owendale. He was born October 19, 1943 in Cass City, son of Vernita R. (Wissner) McPhail and the late Daniel J. McPhail. He was a 1961 graduate of the Owendale High School. He was united in marriage to Joan M. Fritz on June 18, 1966 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville. Bob had been employed at the K.B.C. Elevator in Owendale for 30 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville, was the Brookfield Township treasurer for the past 27 years. He also has been on the Owendale Fire Department for the past 39 years of which six years he served as fire chief. He enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter, Lauren; all high school sports; the Owendale Speedway and was an avid woodworker. Surviving are his wife, Joan McPhail, of Owendale; one daughter, Michelle O'Hern and her husband, Andrew, of Portage; one granddaughter, Lauren; his mother, Vernita McPhail, of Owendale; four brothers and one sister, Daryl McPhail and his wife, Faith, of St. Charles, Charles McPhail and his wife, Lynn, of Houston, Texas, Thomas McPhail and his wife, Elaine, Kathryn Heyl and her husband, Sidney, all of Bay City, and David McPhail, of Jackson; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, James. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 2003, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville. The Rev. Lee C. Wenskay will officiate with burial in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Sebewaing. The Owendale Fire Department will conduct a memorial service at 7 p.m. today at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. He will lie in state at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Friday. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.