Putman, Jess A.

Jess A. Putman, 59, of Wayne, formerly of Elkton, died Monday evening, March 23, 2009 of a massive heart attack while visiting his sister in Huntersville, N.C.

He was born Jan. 10, 1950 in Bad Axe to the late Alton and Patricia (Austen) Putman, grew up in Elkton and was a 1968 graduate of Laker High School.

Jess moved to the Flint area in the early 1980's and was employed at General Motors. In 1992, he took a position with Focus Hope in Detroit, where he remained for six years. In 1999, Jess moved to Wayne and was employed with Ford Motor Company as a journeyman electrician. He took pride in his job, and had a work ethic sometimes not seen in today's world.

He was very interested in all sports, and especially enjoyed golf and NASCAR.

Surviving are his children, Jess (Stacy) Putman, Jr. of Caseville, Tracey (Steve) Harris of Sebewaing and Rachel Putman of Fenton; seven grandchildren, Joshua, Marissa, Kaitlyn, Laci, Kay Lee, Shawna and Braydon; two brothers, Errol Putman of Mount Pleasant and Patrick Putman of Bay City; and sister, Gwen Stapleton of Huntersville, N.C.

Preceding him in death was a grandson, Tyler Putman; a step-son, Roger Lawrence; and brother, Brian Putman.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Champagne Funeral chapel, Elkton. Staff chaplain, Karen Bouverette, will officiate with burial in Grant Twp. Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the family. Words of condolence may be shared at www.cfcElkton.com.