David L. Gisel

David L. Gisel, 54, of Port Austin, died unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 28, 2011 at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

He was born June 13, 1956 in Detroit to Albert and Dorothy (Crane) Gisel.

David was united in marriage to Sharon Leavine on April 27, 1985 at the United Protestant Church in Port Austin.

He was a member of the Port Austin United Protestant Church. He graduated from high school and later attended Baker College. David was a long-time truck driver and currently was employed by J. W. Hunt, OTC of Verona and enjoyed what he did. He fed the birds every day, liked fishing and especially rabbit hunting with his three best buddies, Barney, Max and Tahsha, his beagles. He was a good husband, father and friend who always gave support and helped his family and friends when needed.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; four daughters, Tanya Bully, serving in Afghanistan and her husband, Ryan, of North Carolina, Laura Gisel of Taylor, Amanda Gisel and her special friend, Justin, of Bay City and Erika Gisel and her special friend, Paul, of Taylor; his mother, Dorothy Veryser of Florida; four grandchildren, McKeena and Jacob Bully and Kayle and Aiden Gisel; one sister, Sue (Greg) Fournier of Maryland; two brothers, Robert (Gail) Gisel of Wisconsin and Albert John (Pam) Gisel of Idaho; his in-laws, Marie (Arthur) Osantoski, of Bad Axe, Helen Davis of Bay City, Marcella (Grover) Whitenack of Clyde, Josie (Richard) Szymanski of Port Austin, Cathy (Gordon) Miller of Bad Axe, Virginia (Michael) Gembarski of Kinde and Linda (Walter) Reimann of Port Austin; many nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his father, Albert Pete Gisel.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 at the Port Austin United Protestant Church with The Rev. Dave Freeland, Pastor officiating.

Per David's wishes, his organs were donated to the Gift of Life Michigan.

Memorials may be offered to the family discretionary fund.

Arrangements are being handled by MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe.