

## **Bieri, James**

James Thomas Bieri, 36, of Bay Port died Thursday afternoon, Nov. 22, 2001, at Bay Medical Center, Bay City, after a short battle with cancer. He was born June 17, 1965 in Warren to Lucille (Shepherd) Bieri and the late Lawrence A. Bieri. Jim grew up in the Warren area but lived near Bay Port as often as possible, spending all of his weekend and spare time there. In November of 1998 he moved there permanently. He was very involved with his children and their activities. He worked with his oldest son's wrestling team both in Warren and, after they moved, at Lakers. Jim was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Warren, Caseville Rod & Gun Club, and an avid NASCAR fan. He also drove stock cars at Owendale, and loved snowmobiling and deer hunting - a sport he did this season until last Sunday when he went to the hospital. Surviving are his life partner, Pam Sears; his children, Jimmy at home, twins, Derek and Tera of Warren, Robby Sears and his friend, Courtney, Craig Sears and his wife, Tina, Jason Sears, and Krissi Sears, all of Bay Port, and his grandson Bryce. Also surviving are his mother, Lucille Bieri, of Pigeon; two brothers, Dennis VanPoole and his wife, JoAnn, and Pete Bieri of Pigeon; three sisters, LuAnn O'Connell and her friend, Kevin, of Tennessee, Cindy Bieri of Warren, and Darlene Bieri of Pigeon; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. today, Nov. 25, 2001 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville, with burial in New Bay Port Cemetery. Visitation will be after noon on Sunday. Memorials may be given to his children's education fund.