

RICHARD AUSTIN STURGIS

1935 - 1984



Richard A. Sturgis, age 49, of 1181 N. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe died Saturday Oct. 20, in Lincoln of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Feb. 6, 1935 in Royal Oak, son of the late Austin and Pauline (Berch) Sturgis. The family moved to Pigeon when he was age 7.

On Jan. 28, 1955 he was united in marriage to Shirley Kipfer in Pigeon. In June of 1973 he opened Sturgis Plumbing and Heating in Bad Axe.

Mr. Sturgis was a member of Thumb Area Plumbers' Assn., the State Master Plumbers' Assn. and attended Bad Axe Free Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley, three daughters, Mrs. Joesph (Linda) Czyzewski, of Bay City, Mrs. Jeffery (Cindy) Schlabach, of Bad Axe, Wanda Sturgis, of Bay City; one son, Scott Sturgis, U.S. Navy, stationed at Great Lakes Navel Base, Chicago. Four grandchildren, two brothers David of Washington, MI and Paul of Castlebury, FL.

One sister, Pauline Martinez preceded him in death in 1973.

Funeral services for Mr. Sturgis will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 24, from the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church, Rev. Harvey Fry, pastor will officiate with burial in the Colfax Twp. Cemetery, Bad Axe.