Paul E. Leyva (March 24, 1949 - May 4, 2011)

Mr. Paul E. Leyva, 62, of Gagetown, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

He was born in Cass City on March 24, 1949, a son of Joseph and Estela Peña.

On March 15, 1969, he married Beverly Maxwell in Pigeon. Paul served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown, the VFW in Cass City and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Bay City Chapter. He retired from Tower Automotive in Elkton after 39 years of service, where he was a production operator.

Surviving along with Bev, his loving wife of 42 years, are his brothers, Joseph D. Jr. (Judy) of Mayville, William R. (Lucia) of Brentwood, Calif., Claude C. (Dawn Miller) of Caro and sisters Rose (Sonny) Quinn of Cass City and Rachel (Jerry) Lamoureux of Decker.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Leyva and special uncle, Raul Leyva.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2011 at St. Agatha Church, with The Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Dorothy Ann Blasko officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Gagetown Funeral Chapel. There will be a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church or to the VFW in Cass City.