

Mr. Alex "Sonny" Schafer, 78, of Saginaw Township, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 at Toni and Trish House in Auburn.

The son of the late Alexander and Catherine (Meyer) Schafer, Alex was born on Oct. 12, 1934, in Saginaw. Alex married Joanne Doecker, his loving wife of 56 years, on Dec. 28, 1957.

Alex, Joanne and his parents were the former owners of Old Heidelberg Inn in Sebewaing. Alex served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. He enjoyed canoe racing, snowmobiling and was an avid hunter and outdoorsman.

Surviving, besides his wife, Joanne, are two daughters, Lori (Steven) Sella of Unionville and Brenda Schafer of Sebewaing; four grandchildren, Ryan (Tabatha) Sella, Nicole Sella, Jordan Heckroth and Tyler Heckroth; three great-grandchildren, Laikyn, Alexander and Benton Sella; and a sister, Betty Guenther of Sebewaing.

Alex was preceded in death by a son and a daughter, Gary Schafer and Leanne Schafer; also a brother-in-law, Duane Guenther.

Funeral Liturgy took place at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Saginaw. The Rev. Fr. James Carlson officiated with interment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Toni and Trish House or Grace Hospice.

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