Gary Allen Graves

Gary Allen Graves, 48, of Sebewaing, passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 following a courageous battle with cancer.

Gary was born March 23, 1961 in Caro, the son of Robert Graves, Jr. and Ginger (Fader) Graves.

He was a self-employed carpenter and handyman in the area until he was forced to retire due to disability in March of this year. Gary's passion in life was fishing, an activity he learned to appreciate early in his life.

Gary is survived by his fiancé, Misty Myers; son, Gary Graves, Jr.; his sister and her husband, Shelley and Randy Heckroth of Caro; one half-sister, two half-brothers and their spouses, Peggy Matthews of Caro, Rick and Jeannie Putman of Caro, Ron and Mary Graves of Caro; his parents, Ron and Ginger Gibbs of Caro.

Gary was preceded in death by one brother, Dave Graves; half-brother, James Graves; father, Robert Graves, Jr.; and nephew, Bryan Goslin.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 at the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro with Gary's cousin, Kim Frank, officiating.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Graves Family Discretionary Fund. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.ransfordfuneralhome.com.