

Ponder, Thomas S.

Thomas S. Ponder, 51, of Caro, died in his home following a long illness. He was born Jan. 5, 1959 in Washington D.C. the son of Jane and Robert Ponder.

Tom graduated from Jordan College with an Associates of Arts degree. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Caro. He enjoyed many talents and interests in his lifetime including, playing guitar and singing, listening to country music, gardening, wood crafts, writing poetry, reading, art and drawing and he especially enjoyed his pet dogs. He and Louise fostered many children throughout their marriage together and adopted two children. Tom worked at Erla's Grocery Store for a number of years and was also an over the road truck driver.

Tom is survived by his children, Natalie (Stephen) Cornish of Eaton Rapids, Isaac (Jessica) Ponder of Owosso, Sarah (Dave) Strickland of Cass City, Sherry Ponder and friend, Dustin McKrow, of Oakton, Va., Brittney (Kyle) Rick of Cass City, Galen (Kelly) Ponder of Kileen, Texas, Shaylee Ponder at home, special foster daughter, Laurie Huffman and friend, Jeff Wolfe, of Millington. Also surviving is Louise Palmer, his ex-wife of 25 years; mother, Jane Ponder of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister, Kali (Tom) Hacias-Boecher of Cincinnati, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Ponder; and brother-in-law, Jeff Hacias.

Memorial service to be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010 in Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City. Visitation will be 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 2010 in Kranz Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.