

Stanke, Walter

Walter C. Stanke, 67, of Harbor Beach passed away unexpectedly Sunday, May 21, 2000, in Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. He was born on July 13, 1932 in Ruth, son of the late Fred and Edna (Isler) Stanke. He and Susan Hagedon were married on May 31, 1952, in Harbor Beach. Walter was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a retired employee of 42 years of Hercules, Inc., and Champlain Industries Division of Red Star Bioproducts of Harbor Beach. He retired in 1994. Walter was a member of the Harbor Beach Gun Club and the American Legion Post No. 197 of Harbor Beach. He was an avid golfer and was in the Old Timers League and the Tuesday Nite Golf League of Harbor Beach. He also was a bowler and was in the Monday Night Bowling Association in Harbor Beach for many years. He enjoyed hunting, trap shooting, golfing and playing cards. Walter is survived by his wife, Susan Stanke of Harbor Beach; three sons, Richard Stanke, Robert Stanke and Steven Stanke and his wife, Donna, all of Harbor Beach; two grandsons, Scott and Matthew; two step-grandsons, Andrew and Jimmy; and one sister, Marion Gornowich and her husband, Leonard, of Harbor Beach. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Sue Stanke; and a sister, Betty Gerstenschlager. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2000, in the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach with the Rev. Mark Girardin, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial with military honors by the American Legion Post No. 197 will be at Rock Falls Cemetery, Harbor Beach. Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. this evening, from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 a.m. until the time of services Wednesday at the funeral home.