

Bekaert, Bernard

Bernard "Bud" Bekaert, 74, of Port Hope and formerly of Howell, passed away Friday, January 19, 2007, at Harbor Beach Community Hospital. His wife, Bonnie, preceded him in death in 2001. He was the dear father of Merry Jo (Don) Trumbull, of Pinckney; William, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Betty, of Ann Arbor, Chris Gulick, of Port Hope, and Fred, of Howell; he is also survived by five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and a brother, William K. Bekaert, of Grand Ledge. Bernard was a 25-year member of Howell Lodge No. 38, F. & A.M., a charter member of the Grindstone City Sportsman Club and an avid hunter and fisherman. He worked 30 years for the State Highway Department and then moved to Port Hope for about 16 years. Bud will be truly missed by friends and family alike. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517) 546-2800. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home with a Masonic memorial service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association. Visit the online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.