

Purdy, Richard D.

Richard "Dick" Duerr Purdy, 72, of Harbor Beach, went to be with his Lord on Saturday, January 8, 2005, at his home under Hospice care. He was born in Harbor Beach on November 5, 1932 to the late Theron and Gladys (Duerr) Purdy. Dick was united in marriage to Shirley A. Liedke on October 11, 1952, and they raised five daughters in a home he built by the lake. He was a life long resident of the Harbor Beach area. After graduating from Harbor Beach High School in 1951, he served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Most of that time was spent on the cutter Mackinaw. Before leaving for service, Dick was employed by Huron Milling Company, which later became Hercules, Inc. His position was open for him when he returned from military service and he retired as a maintenance supervisor from Hercules Inc. in 1990, fulfilling 40 years of service. Eight years of his retirement was spent as chief dishwasher at his daughter's business, Cheryl's Cakes and Catering. A wonderful and loving husband and father, he was also an avid golfer and hunter. He enjoyed woodworking, photography, training and raising labrador retrievers, playing cards and shooting pool. Playing cribbage online and chatting with his Yahoo friends was a favorite pastime along with helping his family with all their projects. Dick was a member of the American Legion Post 197. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Harbor Beach; five daughters, Julie Arndt and her husband, Gary, of Harbor Beach, Cindy Purdy and her husband, Joe Prewozniak, of Harbor Beach, Cheryl Pawloski and her husband, Raymond, of Harbor Beach, Kathy Miller and her husband, Bill, of Crosswell, and Debra Woody and her husband, Lee, of Burlington, Kentucky; 13 grandchildren, Tony Burkhard and his wife, Renee, Lea (Burkhard) Soderlind and her husband, Erik, Shannon Russell, Erica Russell, Christina Siedlecki, Shayla Siedlecki, Hunter Pawloski, Billie Miller, Jessica Miller, Alexandra Miller, Dilan Woody, and twins Camryn and Jordan Woody; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Barbara. Cremation has taken place. By his request, there will not be any visitation or services. Arrangements are being handled by the MacAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe.