

**Rice, Eugene D.**

Eugene "Gene" David Rice, 61, of Lincoln Township, passed away unexpectedly at Huron Medical Center on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

He was born Sept. 26, 1947 at the former Hubbard Hospital in Bad Axe to the late Benjamin and Theresa (Koroleski) Rice.

On Sept. 6, 1969 Eugene and Deanna Indo were united in marriage at the St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde.

Eugene was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. He touched the lives of so many people. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Eugene retired from Tower Automotive Industries after 30 years of employment there. He enjoyed going to car shows with his son, the outdoors (fishing, hunting and deer camp), cooking, spending time working in his yard with his dog, Bailey at his side and going on family vacations. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially with his granddaughter, Gabrielle and other children, including Brandon, Jacob and Katelyn Jaworski.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Deanna; one daughter, Danielle (Kyle) Romzek of Kinde; one son, Douglas Rice of Port Austin and special friend, Danyeil Schramski; one granddaughter, Gabrielle Romzek; siblings, Ron (Sharon) Rice, Ray (Pam) Rice, Alger (Elaine) Rice, Dennis Rice and his special friend, Marie (Hilary) Cook, Elaine (Wayne) Bannick, Debra Rice and her special friend and Karen Rice; several nieces and nephew.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at MacAlpine Gage Chapel. A scripture service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.