

**Banker, Lawrence G.**

Lawrence G. Banker, 74, of Harbor Beach, passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 at his home under hospice care with his family at his side.

He was born on June 5, 1935 in Harbor Beach to the late Frank and Adele (Schroeder) Banker. Larry and Alberta Koehn were united in marriage in August of 1968 in Harbor Beach.

Larry served in the U.S. Army. He was employed at A&P Grocery Store in Harbor Beach for 24 years and worked for the G.D. Searle and Nutrasweet Company after 22 years, retiring in 1997.

Larry was an avid golfer, as he was a member of the Harbor Beach Men's League for many years. He was a sports enthusiast, being on the Carlings Baseball Team, the Carlings Bowling Team and the Strogh's Softball Team. He enjoyed going to the Detroit Tigers and watching soccer games with his three granddaughters: Emily, Abby, and Megan of whom he visited daily.

He is survived by his wife, Alberta Banker of Harbor Beach; and his children, Lennie Mobley and her husband, Rick, of Spring Valley, Ill., Sue Keeley and her friend, Andy Polishuk, of North Branch, Patrick Banker and his friend, Lori Lovejoy, of Harbor Beach, Connie Wolschleger and her husband, Raymond, of Harbor Beach, Bill Tenbusch of Harbor Beach, Allen Banker of Harbor Beach, Judy Pawlowski and her husband, John, of Harbor Beach, and Michael Banker of North Branch; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Doug Banker and his wife, Rose, of Sandusky, Wayne Banker and his wife, Pat, of Riverside, Calif., and three sisters, Marlene Janderwski and her friend, Terry, of Florida, Janette Phelps and her husband, Herb, of Howell, and Kathy Banker of Harbor Beach.

Larry was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Nicole Wolschleger.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay City. A memorial service for Larry will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, with High Priest William Wells officiating.

A gathering of friends will beginning at 2 p.m. until time of services at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the Family Discretionary Fund.