

Gordon, William

William Gordon, 60, resident of Verona Township died Monday morning, Feb. 12, 2001, following an extended illness. He was born Oct. 7, 1940, in Detroit to the late Vinton and Meryle (Gray) Gordon. Bill was a graduate of Bad Axe High School, class of 1958. On June 9, 1962, William Gordon and Judy Allen were united in marriage. Bill served in the U.S. Army. He was a well-known rural mail carrier for 36 years and operated Poor Bill's Bee Farm for 20 years. Bill was a member and Senior Warden at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bad Axe, the Verona-Huron Lodge #365, F&AM, and Verona School Board for more than 30 years. He also volunteered for the Toys for Tots program. Bill enjoyed beekeeping, fishing, hunting and bowling. Bill was an active blood donor and had donated a total of 89 pints of blood. He also supported the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon. Surviving is his wife, Judy; three sons, Steve Gordon and his wife, Lisa, of Redford, Kirk Gordon of Ypsilanti and William "Billy" Gordon of Kalamazoo; two daughters, Lisa McKenzie and her husband, Hugh, of McKinney, Texas and Michelle "Mickey" Smalley and her husband, Mike, of Ubly; one brother, Arthur Gordon and his wife, Delores, of Brooklyn; one sister, Jeri Sharpe and her husband, Dennis, of Richmond; five grandchildren, Ryan McKenzie, Abby Gordon, Joe Gordon, Meghan Gordon and Madelyn Smalley; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bad Axe, with the Rev. Elsa Pressentin officiating. Burial will be in Verona Cemetery. A Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, by the Verona-Huron Lodge #365, F&AM. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today and 1 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 to 11 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the church. Memorials may be offered to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 139 W. Huron Ave., Bad Axe, MI 48413.