McKnight, Richard L.

Richard Lee McKnight, 62, of Bad Axe passed away on Monday, June 2, 2008 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He was born on Feb. 20, 1946 in Bad Axe, son of the late Roy and Mildred (Morgan) McKnight. He married Edna Osentoski on Nov. 6, 1965 in St. John Catholic Church in Ubly.

Rick worked in the tool and die industry for most of his life. He loved spending time with his family and visiting with neighbors, hunting, gardening, and traveling around the neighborhood in his John Deere Gator. He also loved to travel to Las Vegas. One of his favorite activities was organizing and hosting the Annual Sacred Heart Christmas dinner of which he and his wife, Edna, did for the past nine years. Rick was loved greatly and will be missed by all who were blessed to have him in their lives.

Survived by his wife, Edna McKnight of Bad Axe; two daughters, Dawn (Bill) Childress of Lansing, Renee Reeve of Haslett; one brother, Larry (Sue) McKnight of Florida; three sisters, Mary Ellen (Arnold) Freiburger of Dearborn Heights, Beverly (Leonard) Fox of Livonia, Shirley (Jack) Hacker of Livonia; one sister-in-law, Leola McKnight of West Bloomfield; four grandchildren, Chelsea Chapin of Haslett, Kelsey Childress of Lansing, Courtney Chapin of Haslett, and Clay Childress of Lansing; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Floyd, and Roy McKnight; and one grandchild.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2008 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Ubly.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. on Monday at the church. A rosary will be offered at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.