

Baerwolf, Roger K.

Local businessman and radio station owner, Roger K. Baerwolf died unexpectedly Tuesday, December 23, 2004, of an apparent heart attack. Roger Keith Baerwolf was born July 4, 1939 in Sandusky, the son of Meldrum G. and Dorothy E. (Elsholz) Baerwolf. He grew up in Pigeon, where he graduated from Pigeon High School. He attended Central Michigan University. He served with the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1969. He was first married on June 18, 1967 to Judith Korthals and she preceded him in death. On June 12, 1988, he married Lynn Botimer and she survives. Roger was owner of Lake Michigan Broadcasting stations, WKLA, WMTE and Z95. He was active in the community, where he was past president of the Ludington Area Chamber of Commerce. He was on the board of the United Way, the Foundation Board of West Shore Community College and was instrumental in founding the Director's Circle at West Shore Community College. Through his business, he supported the Gus Macker Tournament and the Toys for Tots program. He was an avid golfer, belonging to Hemlock Golf Course and Manistee National Golf & Resort. He also loved to sail. Roger was proud of all his children and spent many enjoyable hours with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Lynn; his children, Michael F. Baerwolf and his wife, Wendy, of Ludington, Michele L. Brown and her husband, Martin, of Battle Creek, Sarah M. Sosa and Justin D. Baerwolf, both of Ludington; one brother, Delton Baerwolf and his wife, Pat, of Detroit; and his five grandchildren, Megan, Cole, Morgan, Gavin, and Madison. The funeral for Roger K. Baerwolf will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2004, at Trinity Evangelical Free Church with the Rev. Kurt Trucksess officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Dorrell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to a college fund at West Shore Community College for Roger's son, Justin. The Baerwolf family is being served by the Dorrell Funeral Home.