

## **Layher, Kenneth**

Kenneth A. Layher, 63, of Sebewaing and longtime Sebewaing businessman, died unexpectedly Sunday, February 8, 2004, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana while visiting his son and family. He was born May 2, 1940 in Sebewaing son of Leona L. (Rhode) Layher and the late Arnold E. Layher. He was a 1958 graduate of Sebewaing High School, attended Michigan State University, Trenton Jewelry School and the Gemological Institute of America. He was united in marriage to Nancy A. Louis on April 18, 1964 in Unionville. Ken had worked with his father, Arnold, in the Jewelry Store in Sebewaing from 1956 until taking ownership in 1990. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, had been on the Board of Christian Education, Finance Board and Youth Board; also had worked on the Sebewaing ambulance; the Sebewaing Fire Department for 15 years, member of the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce, former member of the Sebewaing Rotary Club and had served as president and also a member of Michigan Retailers Association. He served in the Michigan National Guard. Surviving are his wife, Nancy, of Sebewaing; one son, Michael Layher and his wife, Michele, of Granger, Indiana; two daughters, Lisa Gremel and her husband, Michael, Michele Schember and her husband, Brian, all of Unionville; seven grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan, Noah, and Brady Layher, Jessica and Kayla Gremel, Nichole Schember; mother, Leona Layher, of Sebewaing; one sister, Joanne M. Smith, of Sebewaing; two nephews; and one niece. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Daniel Hahn will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Radio Mission Fund, Immanuel Lutheran Church or the charity of the donor's choice.