

### **Pionk, Marvin L.**

Marvin Lawrence Pionk, 54, resident of Bad Axe, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at his home with family by his side after a 36-month battle with advanced pancreatic cancer.

He was born Feb. 9, 1955 in Bad Axe to the late Archie and Marie (Shemka) Pionk.

Marvin was united in marriage to Barbara A. Wolfe on Nov. 12, 1983 at St. John's Catholic Church in Ubly.

He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe, where he sang bass in the Sacred Heart Choir.

He completed his tool and die maker apprenticeship in July 1978 and worked at Tower Automotive (formerly Active Industries) since May 1973. For seven years, he sharpened ice skates for local hockey and figure skaters. He enjoyed woodworking and many outdoor activities: gardening, cycling, boating, fishing and riding motorcycles and family outings.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Barbara; one daughter, Kimberly A. Pionk of Bad Axe; one son, Matthew L. Pionk of West Bloomfield; one brother, Michael (Donna) Pionk of Hermitage, Tenn.; three sisters-in-law, Pamela (Anthony) Brown of Goodells, Roxane Puvalowski of Bad Axe, Polly (Melvin) Hessling of Bad Axe; two brothers-in-law, Michael (Nancy) Wolfe of Bad Axe, Timothy Wolfe of Bad Axe, mother-in-law, Maxine A. Wolfe of Bad Axe; father-in-law Dale (Nancy) Wolfe of Elkton; one godchild, Hayley Pionk of Hermitage, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Marie Pionk; one brother-in-law, Jerome Puvalowski.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Bad Axe. Father Rob Howe will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

A wake scripture service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (<http://www.pancan.org>).