

Bedford, Ronald W.

Ronald William Bedford, 53, of Ubly, and formerly of Caseville, passed away Sunday, May 31 at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

Born in Pigeon April 14, 1956, he was the son of Walter Howard and the late Elinor Margaret (Rathje) Bedford.

Ronald was stricken with a sudden illness when he was 1 1/2 years old, and throughout the years he was loved, cherished and cared for by his parents and numerous caregivers. Most recently, he was a resident at Genesis and Hurford Acres in Ubly. Ronald enjoyed playing ball and games with his caregivers, and loved visiting with his family and friends, whom he liked to tease. He had a joyous laugh and a "hoot & a holler." He would enjoy listening to music for hours, especially his father's recordings.

His survivors include his father and step-mother, Howard and Ellamae Bedford of Pigeon; siblings, Nancy Bedford of Bad Axe, Walt and Kristin Bedford of Aurora, Colo., Jeff and Carmen Bedford of Caseville, and Bob and Michele Bedford of East China; step-brothers, Mick (Lynn) Connors of Caseville and Jeff Diachenko of Bay Port; step-sisters, Colleen (Paul) Poisson of Caseville, Melony (Marc) Cross of Texas, Teresa Stiles of Flint, and Chris (Mike) Bean of Swartz Creek; a stepsister-in-law, Sue O'Connors of Caseville; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his mother, Elinor, he was preceded in death by his step-mother, June Bedford and a step-brother, Patrick O'Connors.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon, with the Rev. Michael T. Sawicki, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Grandlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the service time at 3 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 3995 Fashion Square Blvd., Suite 1, Saginaw, MI 48603 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, is conducting the arrangements.