

# GERALD J. GEPPERT

1936-2010

Gerald "Gerry" James Ernest Geppert, 74, Port Austin, passed away Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

Born in Detroit on May 11, 1936, he was the son of the late Paul and Ethel (Ladenberger) Geppert, and was a 1954 graduate of Denby High School, Detroit. Following his 1959 graduation from Lawrence Tech, he served with the U.S. Army from June, 1959 until April, 1961. He met Lois I. Hilyer while bowling, and the couple were united in marriage in Detroit on Nov. 27, 1965.

Gerry was a mechanical engineer, and was project manager as well as plant manager for Chrysler at the Lynch Road Plant, the Warren Truck Plant, the Jeep Plant in Toledo, and the Jefferson Plant, where his daughter, Irene, worked with him until his Aug. 31, 1991 retirement.

Gerry enjoyed HO model trains, doing yard work, boating, water and snow skiing, canoeing, fishing, camping, and snowmobiling. He also enjoyed working in his garage on his cars, and woodworking. He actively took part in building their home at the lake. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and family; he enjoying participating in activities with the family. He was always honest and straight-forward in what he said and did. He was currently a member of the Lake Township Planning Board, and the Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon. He lived life to the fullest.

In addition to his wife, Lois, Gerry is survived by two daughters: Irene (Matthew) McGlynn, Marine City, and Cheryl Geppert, Berkley; three grandchildren: Ryan, Kyle, and Emily; two brothers: Paul (Linda) Geppert, Mahopac, N.Y., and Donald (Barbara) Geppert, Oakland; nine nieces and nephews; and seven greatnieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his inlaws, Rupert "Bob" and Florence Hilyer.

The Funeral Service was conducted Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010 at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, with Rev. Timothy Loehrke, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Caseville Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Cross Lutheran Church.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.