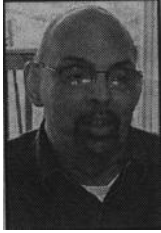


Burton L. Furness



Burton L. Furness, 58, of Elkton died following an eight-year battle with cancer, Monday afternoon, Sept. 10, 2007 at home with his family at his side.

He was born Nov. 19, 1948 in Bad Axe to the late Stanford and Bernice (Morell) Furness. Burt lived in the Elkton area all his life. After graduating from Laker High School in 1966, he went on to trade school and became a tool and die maker. He then began his career with Sebewaing Industries.

On Aug. 9, 1969, he was united in marriage to Mary L. Buchholz at St. Francis Catholic Church, Pigeon.

Burt worked at Sebewaing Industries until the plant closed. He then became a tool and die maker for Millennium Industries, Cass City, retiring earlier this year for health reasons.

He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon and had served on the parish council and as a Eucharistic minister. Burt served as captain on the Oliver Township Fire Department for many years and was an instructor for the firefighter training program. He also served as an EMT on the Elkton Ambulance, was a past president of the Elkton Jaycees and a member of the Rifleriver Muzzle Loaders Association. Burt enjoyed riding his motorcycle, camping, hunting, building and using muzzle loader rifles. Surviving are his wife Mary; two children, Christina Wade and her husband, L. J., of Meade Township, and Matt Furness and his special friend, Bea Valle, and her children, Stacey, Payton, Larry and Raygan of Haltom City, Texas; three grandchildren, Zachary, Ashley and Isaac; and two sisters, Jeanette Furness of Washington, Mich., and Eileen (Gary) Stempin of Las Vegas.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2007 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon.

Friends may call at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and after 9:30 a.m. Friday. A firefighter memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday evening by all Huron County departments.

Memorials may be given to Home and Hospice Advantage or The Josephine Cancer Center at Henry Ford Hospital.

Words of condolence may be shared at www.cfcElkton.com.