

Edwin Sams, 81, of Bad Axe, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013 at his home.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1931, in Meade Township, son of the late Lawrence and Martha (Bredow) Sams. He married Shirley Jean Kinney on Aug. 1, 1953. She preceded him in death on July 13, 2004. He married Ann Tovey-Anson on Feb. 12, 2005.

Ed was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Bad Axe for 29 years.

He was an avid camper, a coach for the Bad Axe Little League, and was active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving as a district commissioner.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Sams of Bad Axe; two sons, Ken (Shannon) Sams of Traverse City and Alan Sams of Bad Axe; two daughters, Donna Gross of Essexville and Sandy Sams of Bad Axe; one step-son, Eugene (Jennifer) Anson of Dearborn; three step-daughters, Inez LeTarte of Port Huron, Brenda (Jerome) Primer of North Carolina and Anita (Tom) Schumacher of Harbor Beach; one brother, Donald Sams of Shelby Township; five sisters, Marge (Bill) Hoops of Archibald, Ohio, Marilyn Hill of Warren, Dorothy Reinke of Elkton, Jean (Melvin) Gingrich of Bad Axe and Jane Kinney of Lexington, Ky.; 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 at the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Phil Tousley, pastor. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Friday at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or from 10 a.m. until the service time Saturday at the church.