

### **Smith, Vern**

Vern Smith, 58, lifelong resident of Bad Axe, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at his home. He was born Aug. 26, 1944, in Bad Axe to the late Herbert and Eunice (Gaffney) Smith. He was married to Judy Apley on Oct. 2, 1991. Vern worked as a welder for Pigeon Manufacturing for 26 years. He enjoyed John Deere, hunting and wildlife. He liked working outside and spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Judy Smith; one son, Kevin Apley and his wife, Donna, of Bad Axe; two daughters, Debbie Delong and her husband, Eric, of Columbiaville, Teresa Castle and her husband, Al, of North Branch; six granddaughters, Rebecca, Miranda Marie and Isabelle Apley, Tiffany and Ashley Delong and Megan Castle; three grandsons, Austin Kevin Apley, Ryan Delong, Zachary Castle; two step-grandchildren, Ashley and Shawn Czewski; one brother, Paul Smith of Bad Axe; and two sisters, Pat Gerber of Bad Axe and Margaret Taylor of Mio. Vern was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Woolner; a granddaughter, Tabitha Woolner; and two brothers, Art and Walt Smith. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. The Rev. Donald Stroud will officiate. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.