

Both, John

John "Bubber" Both, 64, passed away at his home in Cedar on Sunday, April 10, 2005. John was born August 30, 1940 in Harbor Beach and lived there until he went into the Navy in 1959. He served on the U.S.S. Helena until he was honorably discharged. He and Susan Luchstead were married in 1963. They had five children. They resided in Roseville, where he was a pipe fitter for 18 years. In 1978, they moved to Cedar and he taught electrical occupations at TBA Career Tech Center and was a part-time ranger at Mistwood and Sugar Loaf golf courses. In May 1993, he had a massive heart attack and spent four months at Cleveland Clinic on a heart mate, while he waited for a new heart. On August 5, 1993, he had a heart transplant. His goal was to be able to play in the Arctic Open in Harbor Beach that October and he did. He battled cancer twice and won. Now he sees the face of God and his family is grateful for his life and love. He never lost his smile and sense of humor and lived for his wife, children, family and golf. His wife, Sue, was his pillar of strength and she has been at his side through it all and he never could have lived this long without her. She is what the vow "Till death do us part" is all about. Surviving is his wife, Susan; two sons, Cliff, of Cedar, Gary, of Traverse City; three daughters, Laura O'Brian and her husband, Bill, of Traverse City, Tammy Gushurst and her husband, Chris, of Lake Ann, Cindi Both, of Traverse City; and daughter-in-law, Johanna Bruce; two brothers, Ken Both and his wife, Robyn, of Henderson, Nevada, Don Both, of Cedar; and one sister, Gail Woody, of Harbor Beach; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford, in 1999, Myrtle, in 1997, and a brother Stuart Both, in 1959. Following cremation, there will be a memorial service for family and friends. Memorial tributes may be made in his name to East Huron Ambulance, P.O. Box 28, Harbor Beach, Michigan 48441.