

## **Kain, Ralph**

Ralph Junior Kain, 69, of Prescott and formerly of Owendale, passed away Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at Bay Specialty Care in Bay City after a short illness. He was born in Brookfield Township on November 8, 1933, the son of the late Eliza (Crouch) and Wesley Kain. He served with the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956, and was a member of the Pigeon V.F.W. Post 2236 as well as the Sebewaing American Legion Post 293. Ralph was a former school bus driver for Owen-Gage Schools, a former truck driver for Active Feed Co., and had worked at the Pigeon Shell gas station for many years. He also previously served with the Owendale Fire Department. He owned and operated Ralph's Tavern in Owendale for 14 years, and made friends with everyone who walked through his doors. He retired in 1999. He was a member of the Pigeon Lions Club, the Pigeon Conservation Club, the Caseville Eagles and the ABATE motorcycle team. For many years, Ralph was a flagman at the Owendale and Cass City Speedways. He is survived by six daughters, Sandra Wible and her husband, Charles, of Pinconning, Ronda Reil and her husband, Dave, of Owendale, Jean Wible and her husband, Jamie, of Sebewaing, Tammy Klemkowsky and her husband, Pete, of West Virginia, Janice Murawski and her husband, Felix, of Texas, and Jackie Archangeli and her husband, Rocky, of Bay City; two sons, Timothy Kain and his wife, Ruth, of Owendale and Scott Kain and his wife, Diane, of Sebewaing; his former wife, Virginia Elsesser Kain, of Owendale; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five sisters, Beulah Kretzschmer, of Owendale, Joyce Kain, of Bad Axe, Virginia Roeber and her husband, George, of Bay Port, Mildred Kain, of Cass City, and Marvel Reivert and her husband, Kenneth, of Sebewaing; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward and Maurice; four sisters, Olive Gooch, Shirley Rothfuss, Ruby Meissner, and Carol Dexter. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2003, at the Kilmanagh United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Heim officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Sebewaing. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, and from 10 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m. on Friday at the church. Memorials may be made at the funeral home.