

Alexander, J. D.

J. D. "Bear" Alexander, 61, of Decker passed away Tuesday July 9, 2002, in University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor. He was born Aug. 4, 1940, at home in Huron County to Nicholas and Alice (Kretzschmer) Alexander. He married Martha King on Oct. 16, 1985 in Kingston United Methodist Church, Kingston. J.D. was a self-employed mason for more than 35 years. He loved playing softball, playing cards (especially euchre), farming, and his horses. He was a member of the U.S. Trotting Association and the Horseman Association. J.D. loved his children and spending time with his family. J.D. is survived by his wife, Martha; children: Dean Alexander and his wife, Gayle, of Cass City, Faron Alexander and his wife, Jo Ann, of Cass City, Paula Alexander and her husband, Omar, of Denver, Colo., Krystal Alexander of Decker; grandchildren: Laura VanAllen and her husband, Jeff, Matthew Autry, Karin Autry, Melissa Autry; great-grandchildren: D.J., Cassie, Kyla, Kelsee, Katie, Kevin, Blake, and Baily; brothers: Bob Alexander and his wife, Marvel, of Ubly, Jack Alexander and his wife, Edna, of Bay City; sisters: Nancy Grady and her husband, Chuck, of Bad Axe, Janet Todaro and her husband, Joe, of Bad Axe; mother-in-law, Ruth King of Kingston; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Frank Alexander; sisters: Shirley Alexander and Mary Jane Meininger. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. today, July 12, 2002, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment is in Evergreen Township Cemetery, Decker. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home. Pallbearers for Mr. Alexander will be Bob Baxter, Fred Alexander, Brent Alexander, Jim Brown, Dick Pusz, Doug DeRocco. Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.