

## **Norman E. Kaufman**

Mr. Norman E. Kaufman, 70 of Minden City, passed away Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He was born March 13, 1940 in Bad Axe, to the late Walter C. and Clara (Reiche) Kaufman. He married Margaret Kowalski on Nov. 25, 1967 in Westland. She preceded him in death on May 25, 1992.

Norman worked at the Ford Rouge Complex in Dearborn from 1967 until he retired in 1997. He was a 2nd Class Engineer Merchant Marine from 1958 to 1967 for the American Steamship Co., with which he sailed around the Great Lakes. He liked to play cards and enjoyed hunting. He loved his farm and spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

He is survived by one son, Ronald Kaufman and his wife, Michele, of Garden City; one daughter, Rhonda Taylor and her husband, James, of Canton; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three brothers, LaVerne Kaufman and his wife, Millie, of Ruth, Gerald Kaufman and his wife, Carol, of Pigeon and Robert Kaufman and his wife, Janice, of Minden City; one sister, Marilyn Pawlowski and her husband, James, of Bad Axe; two sisters-in-law, Jennie Kaufman of Commerce Township and Kathy Kaufman of Troy; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Floyd, Marvin and Richard Kaufman; one sister, Ruth Ann Barker and her husband, Rick.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010 at St. John Lutheran Church in Palms. Pastor Henry Hales of St. John Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Avenue in Minden City and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church only.