Tietz, Gerald

Gerald P. Tietz, 58, of Sebewaing, died early Saturday morning, November 22, 2003, at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Saginaw following a 1 1/2 year illness. He was born April 25, 1945 in Sebewaing, son of the late Paul and Theresa (Niece) Tietz. Gerry was a 1963 graduate of Sebewaing High School and attended Michigan State University for two years. He was united in marriage to Sandra J. Marker on October 8, 1966 at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown. He had been employed at Delphi in Saginaw for 36 years before retiring in August 2003. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Sebewaing, served on the Sebewaing Township Zoning Board, and served in the National Guard for six years. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother as well as an avid fisherman. Surviving are his wife, Sandra, of Sebewaing; two sons and two daughters, Tricia Pieper and her husband, Tim, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Randall Tietz, of Berkley, Brian and Mindi Tietz, both at home; two grandchildren, Alec and Ella; one sister, Carolyn Sy and her husband, Harry, of Saginaw; one brother, Patrick Tietz, of Sebewaing; one uncle, Donald Tietz, of Sebewaing; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Margaret Tietz. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Sebewaing. Fr. John Weis will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. A scripture service will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 tonight and from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. He will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church, American Cancer Society, or the charity of the donor's choice.