

Susalla, Duane

Mr. Duane J. Susalla, 49, of Ubly, passed away Friday, April 8, 2005, at his home under hospice care after a battle with cancer. He was born May 14, 1955 in Bad Axe to Jacob and Evelyn (Lamke) Susalla. He married Patricia Balk on November 28, 1981 in Harbor Beach. Duane graduated from Ubly High School. He was a factory inspector at Tower Automotive in Elkton for 32 years. He was a parishioner of St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. He enjoyed snowmobiling, tinkering, building and repairing automobiles. Duane is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Ubly; two sons, Joshua R. Susalla and his wife, Janice, of Bad Axe, Jeremy J. Susalla and his special friend, Krystal Meyer, of Ubly; two daughters, Jennifer L. Susalla and special friend, Tim Laske, of Ubly, Judy T. Susalla, of Ubly; two grandsons, Alexander J. Susalla, of Ubly, and Jace J. Susalla, of Bad Axe; his parents, Jacob and Evelyn Susalla, of Ubly; two brothers, Bryan Susalla and his wife, Tina, of Bad Axe, Darell Susalla, of Ubly; his mother and father-in-law, Melvin and Olive Marie Balk, of Harbor Beach; six brothers-in-law, Melvin Balk, Jr., of Allen Park, Martin Balk and his wife, Dena, of Montana, Gary Balk and his wife, Tammy, of Romeo, Paul Balk and his wife, Kim, of Deford, John Balk and his wife, Cindy, of Dorr, Matthew Balk and his wife, Blanca, of Orlando, Florida; four sisters-in-law, Crystal Schipinski and her husband, Dan, of Shelby Township, Judy Balk, of Circle Pines, Minnesota, Cindy Nowiski, of Bristol, Tennessee, Diann Mazure and her husband, Michael, of Jenison; 49 nieces and nephews; eight great-nieces and nephews. Duane was preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Richard Balk. A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today, and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Monday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund.