

**Hobkirk, Ernest**

Ernest (Ernie) Hobkirk, 60, of Odessa, Fla. passed away Sunday, July 14, 2002, at Hospice Care Center in New Port Richey, Fla. He was born December 21, 1941, in Bad Axe to Ella Hobkirk and the late Walter Hobkirk. Ernie married Gail Tacey. He is survived by his wife Gail; three sons, James of Glendale, Ariz., Kenneth of Reese, and Paul of Odessa, Fla.; his mother; and three brothers, James and his wife, Bernice, of Houston, Texas, Donald and his wife, Charlene, of Saline, and Glenn and his wife, Linda, of Westerly, R.I.; sister-in-law Carole of Bad Axe; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Ernie was preceded in death by his father, Walter; brother, Robert; and sister, Alice Gasta. Cremation took place.