

WILLIAM EDWARD PURCELL

1947 - 1993

William E. "Bill" Purcell, 45 of Caseville, passed away Friday, June 18 at Hurley Medical Center, Flint, following a short illness.

He was born Aug. 1, 1947 in Highland Park, son of the late Bernard and Hazel (Hansborough) Purcell. He moved to Lake Township, near Oak Beach, with his parents in the early 1960s and graduated from North Huron High School in 1965.

On Nov. 25, 1966 he was united in marriage to Patricia Ryckman in Inlay City. Except for two years of service in the U.S. Army, Mr. Purcell has lived in Huron County most of his adult life.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the Caseville Fraternal Order of Eagles #3690 and a past member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are three children: Debbie, Bill and Jim, all of Caseville; a granddaughter, Jessica; two brothers, Bob (Marilyn) Purcell of Warren and Tom Purcell of Algonac; two sisters, Beverly (Jerry) Niester of Fraser and Sharon (Les) Petitpren of Mt. Clemens and many nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Fred and Dennis and a sister, Dolores Burkel, preceded him in death.

A Funeral Mass will be conducted on Tuesday, June 22 at 2 p.m. at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. Rev. Fr. Larry Ventina, pastor, will officiate with military honors to follow outside of the church, by American Legion Jean Post #543.

Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville, was in charge of funeral arrangements.