

Williston, David J.

David John Williston, 73, of Bad Axe, passed away on Sunday, December 25, 2005, at Bay Regional Medical Center in Bay City, following a long illness. He was born on October 9, 1932 in Flint, son of the late Harland "Bill" and Dorothy (Bohms) Williston. He married Nancy Gowen on August 28, 1954 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. His family had moved to Bad Axe in 1947 and David graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1951. He worked at Bill Williston and Sons in Bad Axe from 1957 to 1978, at which time he established a Gambles Store in Harbor Beach until 1984. He then sold life insurance and real estate. He was an avid hunter and shooting fan. He was a member of Wilson's Gun Club, Gateway Sportsman's Club, Thumb Sportsman, and Harbor Beach Gun Club. He was a life member of the Michigan Trap Association, the American Trap Association, and the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the Bad Axe Lions Club and the Bad Axe Moose Lodge, and Our Savior Lutheran Church. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. David is survived by his wife, Nancy, of Bad Axe; one son, David F. (Vicki) Williston, of Walled Lake; six grandchildren, Chad Williston, of Freeland, Adam (Marni) Sawicki, of Atlanta, Georgia., Heather Sawicki, of Freeland, Tammy (Kevin) Keeley, of Clarkston, Cindy (Dale) Barnhart, of Commerce Township, and Kim Ryan, of Canton; 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Shirley Pasant, of Lansing, Janet (Henry) Saikin, of Glenview, Illinois, Phyllis Clutter, of Evanston, Illinois; two brothers, William (Claire) Williston, of Bad Axe, and Wade F. (Lillian) Williston, of Essexville; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Misty Shepherd, and Connie Fowler, of Freeland, Eric Goebel and family, of Bad Axe, and Emily Deering, of Bad Axe. Preceding him in death were two brothers, James Williston and Harland Williston Jr. Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2005, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will be the Rev. Kenneth Lueke, pastor. Interment will be in Colfax Mausoleum. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.