

Robert F. Christner Sr., 71, long time resident of Brown City, in Burnside Township, died peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, surrounded by his family.

He was born Feb. 25, 1941, in Pigeon, son of the late Emma Heintz and Emery Seaman.

He graduated from Pigeon High School in 1959 and attended Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., and graduated from Oakland Community College with his associate's degree.

He was a charter member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Lake Orion and also a UAW member in Pontiac. Robert worked for GM in Pontiac, Grand Blanc and New York, as a journeyman tool maker until his retirement in 2002.

Mr. Christner enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, hunting, fishing, casino trips, all sports, especially hockey, spending time at his cottage at Hardwood Lake near Prescott and, most of all, spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary of 43 years; son, Robert and Jeannie Floyd; daughters, Roxanne and Joe Mansueto, Vicky and David Ross, and Deborah and Tony Richardson; eight brothers, George, Richard, Mike, Tom and Keith Heintz, James, David and Emery Seaman; two sisters, Sybil Seaman and Sandy Brooks; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and son, Robert Frederick Christner Jr.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in North Branch, with Fr. James Arwady officiating. Burial will be in the St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Marlette.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Monday at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in North Branch. A Rosary will take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday night at the funeral chapel in Marlette.

Memorials may be donated to United Hospice Service.