

Kenneth (Roy) Chumbler, 72, resident of Bad Axe, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 3 2011, surrounded by his five children at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after a short illness.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1938 in Hazel Park, to the late Raymond and Bonnie (English) Chumbler.

Roy and Suzanne Yaroch were united in marriage on Aug. 18, 1962. Roy was a graduate of Bad Axe High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed by Hamill Manufacturing, NutraSweet, and Al Hanson Motors before retiring for health reasons.

Roy was a long-time member and former President of Verona Hills Golf Club, where he enjoyed lots of good times with his family and many friends. He also thoroughly enjoyed hunting with his sons and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid gardener who enjoyed working in his yard, snow blowing for his neighbors, and going for walks with his beloved dog, Izzy.

Although a man of few words, when he did speak he revealed a razor sharp wit and dry sense of humor. His sense of determination and fighting spirit remained as unbreakable as the ever-present comb in his back pocket.

Roy is survived by his five children, Julie Bernas and her husband, Mike, of Ypsilanti; Dan Chumbler and his wife, Lisa, of Carlsbad, Calif.; Dave Chumbler and his wife, Renee, of Bad Axe; Mike Chumbler and his wife, Linda, of Harbor Springs; and Jill Helton of Traverse City; two sisters, Dorris Kilgore of South Pittsburgh, Tenn., and Bettie (Bill) Hennings of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; and sister-in-law Donna (Raymond) Chumbler.

He is also survived by his 11 precious grandchildren, Emily, Cody, Kallie, Chloe, Kennedy, Olivia, Kasey, Kara, Carson, Finn, and Stella, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Suzanne; his parents, Raymond and Bonnie, as well as his brother, Raymond.

Funeral services will be Monday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at the MacAlpine Mac Chapel with Mel McCracken, Layspeaker, officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday, and 10-11 a.m. on Monday at the MacAlpine Mac Chapel of Bad Axe

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the University of Michigan Health System, Thoracic Unit, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. Ann Arbor, 48109.