

OBITUARIES

Samuel J. Persons

Samuel J. Persons died Monday, March 15, 2004 surrounded by his family after a two year battle with cancer.

A funeral service was held Thursday, March 18, at Boyne City United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Carl Litchfield officiated. Burial took place at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Samuel was born in East Jordan, the son of Lyle G. and Esther (Piggott) Persons, on Sept. 24, 1934.

Samuel will be sadly

missed by his sons, Samuel L. Jr. (Pat) Persons of Grand Rapids, Bruce (Pam) Persons of East Jordan and one daughter, Sherry (Dan) Van Slyke; seven wonderful grandchildren who meant the world to him, Scott Persons, Jason, Jacob (Emma), and Justin Persons, Tricia (Dennis) Poll, Dan and Mark (Dawn) Van Slyke; three great-grandchildren, Bryant and Bryce Poll, Cameron Persons; one brother, Jim Persons of Florida; many nieces and

nephews; and the love of his life, that he met again five years ago, Shirley, and her four children, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, whom he loved and also will miss.

Samuel will also be missed by many friends and fishing buddies.

Samuel is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Family would like memorial contributions to be directed to Hospice of Michigan, 128 North Court St., Gaylord MI 49735.