Leon E. Dunson, 61

Leon E. Dunson, 61, of East Jordan, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The Rev. James Gardiner will officiate with interment following in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1947, in Petoskey, the son of Leon R. "Bob" and Minnie M. (Cihak) Dunson. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1965.

On Aug. 19, 1967, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, he married Gert "Trude" Ciszewski.

Leon was a loyal employee of the East Jordan Iron Works for 39 years and had worked in the melt lab as a metallurgist.

He enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who loved spending time with his family. He was an avid collector of Chevrolets and shared that passion with his family.

He is survived by wife, Gert "Trude" Dunson, of East Jordan; three children and their families, Kevin Dunson and his wife, Lisa, and their children, Alicia. John, Karlee, Karah and Katlynn, all of East Jordan, Jennifer Sutton and her husband, John Sr., and their children, John Jr., Alex, Logan, Ashton, Brielle and Skyler, all of East Jordan and David Dunson and his wife, Nicole, and their children, Alyssa and Aubrey, all of East Jordan; one brother, Jim L. Dunson and his wife, Sandy, of East Jordan; two nephews and two nieces with their families. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Sherry Dunson; and one brother, Robert R. Dunson.

The family will receive friends 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may

be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 207 Nichols St., East Jordan, Mich. 49727.