



Jerald Francis Purkey

September 7, 1936 - January 12, 2008

Caledonia, Michigan - Jerald "Jerry" Francis Purkey, 71, Caledonia, died January 12, 2008 at Faith Hospice, Byron Center Michigan after an extended illness. He was born September 7, 1936 in Anderson, and had lived in Michigan for the past eight years. He worked at Guide Division of General Motors in Anderson from 1954-1991, retiring after 37 years of service. A 1954 graduate of Anderson High School, Jerry served with the Army Reserve, stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He was a member of Markleville North Christian Church, Chesterfield First Free Will Baptist Church, and U.A.W. Local #663. He enjoyed gospel music, fishing, model car racing, model airplanes, motorcycles, photography and NASCAR. He was also a big fan of Bobby Knight, the Colts, Pacers, I.U. and now, Texas Tech. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Carol Nelson-Purkey; children, Steven Purkey & Sylvia, Pamela Miller & husband, Doug, Melissa Fox, Mike & wife, Mary Davis, Lori & husband, Gene Hawhee, Brad & wife, Carrie Davis; two stepchildren, David Nelson & wife, Liz of St. Louis, MO and Rosanne & husband, Bob Nelson-Head of Detroit, MI; brother, Voss & wife, Amy Purkey; grandchildren, April, Greg, Rebecca, Blake, Brandon, Scotty, D.J., Taylor, Logan, Emily, and Isaac; step-grandchildren, Karl and Julia, along with one niece and five nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Francis Purkey; mother, Alice Marie Zetterberg Purkey; stepfather, Walter Broshar; brother, Dallas Purkey; and a nephew. Services will be Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 2:30 PM, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South

Chapel, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson, with Rev. Gerald Burnett officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson. Visitation will be from 12:30 - 2:30 PM on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at the funeral home's south chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jerry Purkey Memorial Basketball Scholarship in c/o Caledonia Community Schools, Scott Weis, Athletic Dept., 950 Kraft Ave., Caledonia, MI 49316 www.LooseFuneralHomes.com