

Michael H. "Scrappy" Gabriel, Age 67 of Brethren died Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

He was born on March 26, 1945 in Wayne, Michigan the son of the late Frank P. & Johanna (Drozanowksi) Gabriel. He was a 1964 graduate of Huron High School in New Boston. He served in the Michigan Air National Guard from 1965-1971, serving during the Detroit Riots in 1967. He married Roberta Griffus on December 26, 1988 at their home in Augusta Township. They came to Brethren in 1999 following his retirement from the Ford Motor Company PRC in Brownstown Township after 30 years of employment.

He had been a member of the UAW Local #600 & The Milan Moose Lodge #335. He enjoyed bingo, junking, & collecting John Wayne memorabilia.

Michael is survived by his wife; Roberta Gabriel of Brethren, one son; Peter M. Gabriel (Melissa) of Wellston, Adoptive Daughter; Rhonda Ruble of Cadillac, son-in-law; Rick Patterson of FL, grandchildren; Karena & Peyton Gabriel, adoptive grandchildren; James, Kayla, & Tara Ruble & Tyler Vincent, sister-in-law; Karen (David) Denosyer of Oscoda, and best friends Rufus E. Brown of AL, & Herbie Chandler of Harrietta. Members of his family also included siblings; Bernard, Barbara, John, Lucille, Tom, Edward, & Francis.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter; Katherine M. Patterson.

Funeral Services for Michael "Scrappy" Gabriel will be held Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Bear Lake with Father John McCracken Officiating. Burial will be in the Brethren Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:00 Noon until time of service.

The family has entrusted the Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center with funeral arrangements.