Elwin H. Duerr

Elwin H. (Butch) Duerr, 63, of Coldwater, passed away at 12:35 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater.

He was born on May 20, 1948, in Adrian, Mich., the son of Elwin and Marie (Sheldon) Duerr, and they preceded him in death.

On March 13, 1968, he married Sharon (Schilling,) and she preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 2009.

He is survived by two children, Christine and Robert Jahn of Kettering, Doug and Andrea Duerr of Coldwater; six grandchildren, Sarah, Katie, Gracie, Sophie, Curtis, Norah; four siblings, Shirley and Dick Sibert of Celina, Linda and Roger LaRue of Fort Wayne, Ind., Tim Duerr of Indianapolis, Ind., Kellie and Kurt Hoelscher of Celina.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Henry; a sister, Charlotte Byers.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam, the Coldwater American Legion, Mercer County Veterans Board and the Physically Challenged Bow Hunters of America, and he was a former member of the American Red Cross Board in Mercer County. He was retired from the Celina Post Office.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 2 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater. Burial, with military rites provided by the Coldwater American Legion, followed in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.

Condolences may be left at Hogenkampfh.com.