



## Michael Schwantes

February 1, 1947 - January 13, 2003

Funeral services for Michael Dennis Schwantes, 55, of Hewitt were held on Friday, January 17, 2003 at the Hewitt Community Center with Reverend Jacob Neufeld officiating. Michael passed away on January 13, 2003 in Wadena, Minnesota. Michael was born to Leonard and Margaret (Semlar) Schwantes on February 1, 1947 in Spencer, Wisconsin. He was united in marriage to Karen Simpson on July 12, 1969 at Sitka, Alaska. Michael was a member of the Hewitt community for 29 years and was a maintenance worker. He belonged to the Lions Club and fire department. His hobbies included spending time with his grandchildren, wood working, oil painting, gardening and having coffee. Michael was preceded in death by parents, Leonard and Margaret Schwantes; and sister, Carolyn Nunley. He is survived by spouse, Karen Schwantes; sons, Aaron (Shelly) Schwantes and Anthony (Stephanie) Schwantes of Fargo, North Dakota; daughter, Tamera (Matthew) Sorum of Fergus Falls, Minnesota; four grandchildren, Devin, Spencer, Eli and Sylvia; brothers, David Schwantes of Anchorage, Alaska, Charles (Margaret) Schwantes of Coupeville, Washington and Tom (Lila) Schwantes of Kodiak, Alaska; sisters, Judy Rickert of Heppner, Oregon and Daisy (Norman) Cook of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were David Schwantes, Thomas Schwantes, Charles Schwantes, Daniel Schwantes, Jim Walker, Norman Cook, Wes Simpson, David Simpson, Steven Simpson and Darrell Simpson Jr. Interment was held at the Hewitt Cemetery, Hewitt, Minnesota.