

OBITUARY



Michael "Cochise" Blanchard, 47, 324 E. Sixth St., died Friday, September 30, 2005, at 5:52 p.m. in St. Vincent Hospital, Elwood Indiana.

The Hackettstown, NJ, native was born on July 21, 1958 to James E. and Anna May (Headdy) Blanchard. His father preceded him in death. He worked for more than 15 years in masonry with Decker Construction.

He loved fishing and hunting, collected antique bottles, coins and marbles, and loved playing Euchre. He enjoyed spending time with friends. He liked '70s music and enjoyed gardening, growing vegetables and was a member of the Gas City Moose.

Survivors include wife, Karol (Baker) Blanchard; sons, Jeremy Michael Blanchard and Timothy R. Baker, both of Fairmount; brothers, Charlie Blanchard, Baltimore, Md., Mark Blanchard, Brian (Darci) Blanchard and Billy Clarke, all of Buckeye, Ariz.; and grandson, Jarod Blanchard.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Phil Blanchard. Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, with Rev. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial is at 1 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, IN. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com. Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, Ind. 46952. Read Michael Blanchard's Obituary and Guestbook on nswcares.com.

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