



Joseph Blaze Basich

July 28, 1939 - April 24, 2006

Joseph Blaze Basich, Jr., 66, of Pittsgrove passed away on Monday, April 24, 2006 at his home. Joe was born on July 28, 1939 at the Bridgeton Hospital to the late Joseph B. Basich, Sr. and the late Bertha Schmidt Basich. He attended Elmer Elementary School and Bridgeton High School.

Joe served in the US Navy from 1957 through 1961. One of his ships was the GB4/USS Glacier, an icebreaker, that toured Antarctic during the second Operation Deepfreeze in 1958 (aka the International Geophysical Year). As a young man he worked for his father at the Lakeside Garage in Elmer. In the late 1960's he moved to Nevada for a short time and worked as a construction worker. After returning to Elmer, he married and settled in Absecon, NJ where his son was born and raised. During that period he operated a Snap-On tool franchise. In 1990 he moved to Pittsgrove and reopened his father's shop as an outdoor power equipment repair business, Lakeside Service & Supply, now operated by his son. He retired in 2002 to pursue a variety of hobbies.

Throughout his life, Joe was an avid sportsman, outdoors man and naturalist. As a child he was active in the Boy Scouts and later served as an Assistant Leader of Elmer Troop 39. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, boating, gardening, birding, blacksmithing, woodworking and photography.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen G. Basich of Pittsgrove; his son,

Joseph Blaze Basich, III and his wife Deborah also of Pittsgrove. In addition, he is survived by his sister Nancy Sayre and her husband Joe of Atglen, PA, a sister, Doris Morris and her husband Bob of Upper Deerfield, NJ, 13 nieces and nephews, 3 great nieces and nephews and an uncle Henry Basich of Cedarville. Also surviving him are In-laws Peter and Susan Hornbach of Philadelphia, PA, David and Vicky Gallagher of Ardmore, PA, Vincent Gallagher and Roseann Dillingham of West Chester, PA and Joseph and Carol Gallagher of Williamstown, NJ.

Family and friends may call at the Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main St., Elmer, NJ on Thursday, April 27 from 7-9pm or Friday, April 28 from 10-11am. The service will follow the viewing Friday morning at 11am with interment at Olivet Cemetery in Pittsgrove.

In lieu of flowers friends may make donations to the National Audubon Society, Department W, 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003 or www.audubon.org; or the US Glacier Society, 905 Honeyspot Road, Stratford, CT 06615 or www.glaciersociety.org. (click the "JOIN" tab).