

Clarence E. (Rusty) Eldridge III

Eldridge, Clarence E. III (Rusty) Safety Harbor, FL (formerly of Ann Arbor) Age 59, died August 7, 2006, in Ann Arbor from complications of late-stage alcoholism. Rusty was born June 1, 1947. He grew up in Ann Arbor and graduated from Ann Arbor High and EMU. He received a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University in Athens. He later moved to Clearwater, FL, where many of his high-school friends had settled and where he could wear his flip-flops all year long. He hated the cold weather and would not come to Michigan in the winter. Every body loved Rusty. He was a sweet man who, to our great regret, was always plagued by his demon, the bottle. Rusty's parents, Clarence E. Eldridge Jr. and Katherine (Golden) Eldridge, predeceased him in 1984 and 1991. He is survived by his three sisters: Martha J. Lanphear of Salem, Virginia and her daughters Kathern (Kate) Lanphear and Laura Gaydos; Patricia (Eldridge) Maki of Ann Arbor; and Jayne Eldridge Yoder, her husband, Mike, and Lauren and Matthew, all of Ann Arbor. After medical study at U-M, Rusty will be cremated. The family is planning a lakeside memorial service and tree planting in late September. Details to be announced. Contributions in lieu of flowers, please, may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Arrangements by Generations, Ann Arbor. Published in the Ann Arbor News on MLive.com on 8/9/2006.