

## **Block, Carl J.**

Mr. Carl James Block, 75, of Deckerville, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at Autumnwood of Deckerville after an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 26, 1932 in Minden City, son of the late Joseph C. and Marie H. Stimpfel Block. Carl married Elaine J. McIntosh June 11, 1955 at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Baltimore, Md. Carl attended Ss. Peter and Paul grade school, Minden City High School until 1949 and graduated from Harbor Beach High School in 1950. He served stateside in the U.S. Army Signal Corp. from September 1952 until September 1954. Carl and his wife resided in Minden City from 1960 until moving to Deckerville in 1986. Mr. Block worked at Clements Manufacturing from 1954 until 1960. He then was employed at Dott Manufacturing in Deckerville from May 1961 until retiring on Feb. 26, 1997, serving mainly as manager. In 1980, Mr. Block started Deckerville Plastics. Carl was a lifelong parishioner of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where he was former President of the Parish Council. He was an Honorary member of the Minden City Lions Club.

Carl enjoyed gardening, lawn work, woodworking, automobile overhauling refinishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a crew member in the Port Huron to Mackinac race in 1971. In the 60's, Carl was a radio and TV repairman and operated Carl's Radio and TV Service.

Mr. Block is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elaine, of Deckerville; four children, David Block and his fiancée, Deborah Robinson of Deckerville, Debra Savoie and Al Brown of Flint, Susan Segal and her fiancée, David Eckstein of Davison, and Robert Block and his wife, Pamela of Deckerville; grandchildren, Melissa and Timothy Strauch of Owosso, Kevin Smith and Beth Barton of San Francisco, Calif., Jonathon and Tina Block of Deckerville, Rochelle Block and Adam Prehara of Deckerville, and Eli Cunningham of San Francisco, Calif.; one great-grandson, Tyler Timothy Strauch of Owosso; two sisters, Roseline Gliniecki and the late Charles of Parisville, and Catherine Zurick and her husband, Norman, of Port Huron; two brothers, Eugene Block and his wife, Colleen of Minden City, Kenneth Block and his wife, Mildred of Lexington; one brother-in-law, Ted McIntosh and the late Mary; and many nieces and nephews and friends. Carl was preceded in death by an infant son, Charles Joseph; and one grandson, Jason Paul Block.

Funeral Mass for Mr. Block will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2008 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Robert Pare, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military services by the Ruth V.F.W. Post #5740.

Memorials may be made to Ss. Peter and Paul Memorial Fund or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research.