

Thorp, Robert

Robert E. Thorp, 72, of Owendale, died Sunday, February 8, 2004, at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Saginaw following a six-month illness. He was born July 21, 1931 in Reese, son of the late Ambrose and Laura (Dorrance) Thorp. He was married to Marie Wilson (Harbuck) on July 22, 1961 in Roswell, New Mexico. Robert was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in Taiwan during the Vietnam War. He was employed for almost 20 years at Evans Products and later for Gagetown Rail Car Inc. before retiring in 1992. He enjoyed playing cards, dancing and volunteering with his wife at the Reese Senior Meal Site. Surviving are his wife, Marie; five children, Miles Thorp and his fiancé, Amy, of Owendale, Angela Thorp, of Gagetown, Terry Thorp, of Bad Axe, Tena Gai and her husband, Joseph, of Macomb, Debra Schad and her husband, Dell, of Sebewaing; four step-children, Mary Kimble and her husband, Thomas, of Cayce, South Carolina, Donna Noroit and her husband, James, of West Branch, Robert Harbuck and his wife, Carrie, of Pigeon, Jerry Harbuck and his wife, Michele, of Sebewaing; 11 grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; three sisters and three brothers, Colleen Hawley and her husband, Leonard, of Cass City, Vera Markhart, of Reese, Harriett Creason and her husband, Gerald, of Deford, Paul Thorp and his wife, Arlene, of Sanford, Fredrick Thorp and his wife, Barbara, of Owendale, Ward Thorp and his wife, Vede, of El Paso, Texas. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Thorp; and one brother-in-law, Donald Markhart. The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing under the auspices of the U.S. Air Force from Selfridge Air Force Base. Burial will take place later at the Veterans Administration Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.