

Kleinknecht, Bruce C.

Bruce C. Kleinknecht, 80, of Harbor Beach passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

He was born Sept. 16, 1927 to the late Charles and Florence (Mathison) Kleinknecht in Harbor Beach. He and Joan Kaufman were united in marriage Sept. 20, 1952 in Port Hope.

Bruce served in the U.S. Army Air Core as an air traffic controller. He was a rural carrier for the U.S. Post Office out of Harbor Beach for more than 39 years, retiring in 1988. He is a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Harbor Beach Lions Club, Huron Aviation Club, Harbor Beach Conservation Club, and the American Legion Post No. 197. He was an Aircraft Enthusiast, rebuilding and restoring airplanes, flying airplanes, and creating model airplanes to fly.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of Harbor Beach; children, Alan Kleinknecht and his wife, Jean, of Harbor Beach, Steven Kleinknecht and his wife, Kathy, of Shelby Township, Lori Goniwicha and her husband, David of Laingsburg, and Richard Kleinknecht of Burtchville Township; grandchildren, Courtney Kleinknecht and her fiancé, Kurt MacDonald, Whitney (Eric) Smith, Zachary Kleinknecht, Laura Kleinknecht, Erica Kleinknecht, Garrett Goniwicha, Gavin Goniwicha, and Drew Goniwicha, Victoria Kleinknecht and Marley Kleinknecht; sisters, Doris Young and her husband, Stu, of Harbor Beach, and Bess Wilson.

Funeral service for Bruce were conducted on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008 in Zion Lutheran Church of Harbor Beach. The Rev. Richard Wilson officiated. Burial took place in Rock Falls Cemetery. Military honors were given in Bruce's honor at the cemetery