

**Gerald David Ruppel**  
**(June 16, 1929 – July 12, 2011)**

GERALD DAVID RUPPEL, age 82 of Port Hope, passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital.



He was born on June 16, 1929 in Port Hope to the late Alexander and Marie (Wildermuth) Ruppel. Jerry served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict, from 1951 to 1952, he left the army as a Master Sergeant, and had earned the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement. Jerry and Gloria Detgen were united in marriage on November 29, 1952 in Port Hope.

Jerry was a former owner of Mechanical Maintenance Inc. from 1969 to 1979. He was a member of the Pipefitters Local 636 from 1953 to present. He was a past member of the Roseville Parks and Recreation, and was active at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Roseville. Jerry loved the outdoors, especially gardening and working on his old tractor.

Jerry is survived by his wife Gloria of Port Hope, and children: Dennis Ruppel of Roseville, Keith Ruppel and his wife Pam of Macomb, Lon Ruppel and his wife Cathy of Marysville, Curtis Ruppel of Sterling Heights, and Gail Palmer and her husband George of Leonard. Five Granddaughters: Jennifer (Kent) Hammer, Nikolette Palmer, Courtney Ruppel, Allyson Ruppel and Anna Ruppel, three grandsons: Scott Ruppel, Devin Palmer and Andrew Ruppel, and his very special friends: Douglas & Marge Davis, Henry & Marion Boullard, and Jean McCarthy. Siblings: Esther Stroh, Jeanette Holbert, Sandra Asselin, Tom Ruppel, and Eleanor Taylor. He was preceded in death by his brother Arnold Ruppel and sister Elsie Mathews.

Funeral Services for Jerry will be Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 12 pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home. Cremation will follow in Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay City. Internment will take place at Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation for Gerald will be Friday, July 15 from 2-8 pm in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Saturday will begin at 11 am until time of services at 12 pm.