

McFarland, Earl

Earl W. McFarland, 64, of Bay City, passed away early Monday morning, June 23, 2003, at his residence. The son of the late William and Catherine (Edwards) McFarland, he was born Dec. 7, 1938 in Huron County. Earl retired in 1993 from Bay City Powertrain and was a member of Local #362. He had been active in Southwest Little League for the last 35 years. Earl enjoyed bowling and also hunting, especially in Wyoming and Colorado. Earl married the former Beverly J. Arnott on May 9, 1959 and she survives him. He is survived by his children, Vicki and Neal O'Brien, of Saginaw, Rick and Wendy McFarland, of Bay City; five grandchildren, Meagan and Evan O'Brien, and Michael, Kyrie and Catherine McFarland; two sisters, Eva and Lyle Rochefort, of Bad Axe and Isabel and Don Lange, of Saginaw; a brother, Melvin and Dorothy McFarland, of Cass City; mother-in-law, Jean Arnott, of Kinde; three sisters-in-law, Karen and Herm Donovan, of Kinde, Cindy and Rick Bergquist, of Kinde and Marlene Arnott, of Bay City; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Mr. McFarland was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence McFarland. Mr. McFarland's family would like to express their thanks to Heartland Hospice for their extra special care given to Earl and his family. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc., 201 W. Midland St., Bay City. Officiating will be the Rev. Joseph Atchinson. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the services Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice or Southwest Little League. For more information, please go to www.gephartfuneralhome.com.