

### **La Rocca, Carlo**

Carlo "Charlie" La Rocca, 72, of Caseville, formerly of Detroit, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Carlo was born Oct. 14, 1936 in Detroit to the late Guiseppe and Vincenza (Piazza) La Rocca. On Nov. 10, 1962, he married Florence C. Smith in Highland Park.

Carlo, also known as "Rocco" at work, retired from Chrysler Detroit Forge after 31 years as an overhead crane operator. Having vacationed in Caseville for many years, he moved there permanently in 1987. Carlo enjoyed tinkering, taking things apart and putting them back together, his Italian heritage and family.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; children, Jeannie (Steve) Taylor of Tennessee, Agnes (Glenn) Jones of Roseville, Nancy of Tennessee, Kathryn (Edwin) Caldwell of Warren, John (Connie) of Tennessee, Suzanne (David) Short of Yale, Marie (Norm Jr.) Fournier of Eastpointe and Tony of Roseville; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Wayman of Redford and brother, Joseph (Patricia) of Marysville; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Vincenzo; and sister, Frances.

Local funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, 2009 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel of Caseville.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home in Caseville.

In addition, there will be a funeral Mass Thursday at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church in Detroit, followed by burial in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the SK Shultz Funeral Home in Eastpointe. Condolences may be shared at

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