

## **Mitch, Joseph**

Joseph Mitch (Streamline), 89, of Port Austin passed away Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Green Acres Assisted Living Facility in Greenville, under hospice care.

Joseph was born on March 9, 1919 in Washington County, Pa., to the late Paul and Manda (Margaret) Mitch. He was one of their 16 children.

He was married to the late Beatrice B. Cook on Jan. 4, 1962 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin.

Streamline was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin; American Legion Post 499, Port Austin; and a charter member Loyal Order of Moose. He is a veteran of World War II. He worked at General Motors for several years and owned the B-Line Bar in Port Austin with his wife, Beatrice, for many years until retiring.

Joseph served in the U.S. Army from February 1942 until October 1945, earning the rank of PFC. He fought in battles in Normandy, North France, Rhineland, the Ardennes, and Central Europe. His awards include, Good Conduct Medal, and European, African, Middle-Eastern Service Medal with five Bronze Stars.

He is survived by two step-children, Carol (Earl) Lee of Greenville, Thomas (Kris) Minnick of Port Austin; five step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Albert of Great Neck, N.Y., Steve of Willowich, Ohio, George of Miami, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joseph was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice on May 14, 2003, also, he was preceded in death by six sisters, Margaret Mitch, Katherine Kapitz, Rose Skorich, Mary Pirincin, Anne Kulusich, and Manda Mitch; and six brothers, John, Michael, Louis, Paul, Charles, and Tony. Streamline enjoyed carpentry, and dancing with his wife, Bea, and going to and conducting yard sales.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. There will be a vigil at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to Veterans' Waterfront Park Memorial, c/o Port Austin Village Hall, P.O. Box 336, Port Austin, 48467.