

THOMAS JEROUE COOTE

1914 - 1998

Thomas "T.J." Coote age 74 of Bay Port died Wednesday, October 14, from injuries received in an auto accident in Fair Haven Twp.

He was born July 23, 1924 in Elkton only son of the late Edwin and Sadie (Jeroue) Coote.

Mr. Coote served in the Navy during WW II in Guam and the South Pacific. On his return he married Lorraine M. Osentoski on November 23, 1946 in Bad Axe. She preceded him in death December 7, 1991.

They moved to the Pontiac area in 1956 and where he was employed at Cassens Transport, hauling for Chrysler Corp. He retired after 22 years with them. After retiring he moved to Bay Port where he enjoyed fishing, deer hunting and most of all his grandkids.

Surviving are two sons, Robert of Davisburg and Edwin of Pigeon; three daughters, Sandra Hartway of Lake Orion, Jane Jackson of Mt. Pleasant and Cathy (Ernie) Neuman of Lake Orion; eleven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his sister, Ida Ruby and her family, Karen, Jerry and Gayle. Also many more nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Saturday, October 17, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Rev. Matthew Arneson, pastor of the Chandler Presbyterian Church, will officiate with burial in Colfax Twp. Cemetery.