

Smith, Raymond

Raymond H. Smith, 75, of Bay Port, formerly of Pontiac, passed away Friday, March 15, 2001 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He was born in California on Nov. 30, 1926, son of the late Harry and Florence (Tode) Smith. In 1943 he began attending the Pontiac Motors Engineering School. He graduated from Pontiac High School in 1945 and entered the United States Army, where he served with the infantry and hospital corps in Italy during World War II. On June 18, 1949 he was united in marriage to Betty J. Thompson in Pontiac; she survives him. Mr. Smith worked for many years as an engineer with Pontiac Motors. Following his retirement, he worked as a sales representative for James Flynn Company, until he returned to Pontiac Motors as a consultant. He was a member of the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce, the Caseville Retirement Club, and was treasurer of the Steele Lambert American Legion Post #533 in Bay Port. He also assisted his wife Betty with her responsibilities with The Bay Port Historical Society. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting. He attended the Bay Port United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Betty, to whom he had been married for more than 52 years; five children, Rick and Diane Smith of Lapeer, Rod and Sue Smith of Oxford, Beth and Doyle Bunton of Davison, Bonnie and David Elliott of Linden, and Ross and Danielle Smith of Oxford; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Ronald (June) Smith of Lake Orion; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rebecca. A celebration of Mr. Smith's life will take place from 2-6 p.m. today at 9820 Lakeside, Bay Port, with Rev. Alger T. Lewis presiding. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund. Arrangements are by the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.