

Lowell, E. Alfred

E. Alfred Lowell, 90, of Ubly, passed away peacefully, Tuesday morning, November 18, 2003, at Huron Medical Center of Bad Axe after a long illness. Alfred was born March 2, 1913 in Maple Grove to the late George and Gertrude (Moore) Lowell. His ancestry is traced back to Sir Percival Lowell in eighteenth century England. He married Lillian P. Noren on November 23, 1939 in Nashville. Alfred attended schools in Barry County and was a 1930 graduate of Nashville High School. After graduation, he worked several jobs during the Great Depression, including two years in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Upper Peninsula. In the CC Corps, he saved enough money to attend Davenport Business School in Grand Rapids. Alfred first worked for REA of Portland, before accepting a position in 1940 as an accountant with Thumb Electric Co-op in Ubly. Later he served as office manager until his retirement in 1978. Alfred also had a consultant/tax preparer business, "Lowell Tax Service," for more than 40 years until his final retirement in 1992. Alfred quietly served his community in Ubly as the school board secretary/treasurer for 20 years. He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star, Ubly Miriam Chapter #214, as well as a member and former treasurer of the Ubly Community Club. Alfred performed in the "Alabama Jubilee" series, as a member of the Ubly Bells, during the late 50s and early 60s. More recently, he was a charter member of the Ubly Historical Society. He attended the Ubly First Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed the great outdoors and his many treks through the woods with his family. He also participated in the annual deer hunting season and was an avid golfer until the year 2000, when his health no longer permitted him to participate. He enjoyed golf, bowling, hunting, hiking, traveling, community service and stamp collecting. Alfred is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lillian, of Ubly; one son, Richard Lowell and his wife, Rosa, of Reston, Virginia.; two daughters, Carolyn Geiger and her husband, Ken, of Chestnut Ridge, New York, Diane Zobl, of Shelby Township; six grandchildren, Alan Lowell, of Reston, Virginia., Marcia Geiger Smith (Courtney II) of Cranford, New Jersey, Stephen Geiger (Leslie) of St. Petersburg, Florida., Michelle Geiger of Chestnut Ridge, New York, Kelly Zobl, of Shelby Township, Daniel Zobl, of Sterling Heights; four great-grandsons, Courtney III, George, and Phillip Smith of Cranford, New Jersey, Zachary Geiger, of St. Petersburg, Florida. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Marsha Lowell; one granddaughter, Yvonne Lowell; three sisters, Inez Brimhall, Lillian Kromdyk, and Margaret Cox. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2003, at the Zinger-Smigielski Chapel of Ubly. Mr. Hubert Howell, pastor of Ubly First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Valley Cemetery of Ubly. Visitation will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. today, from 2 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, and from 10 until the service time at 11 a.m. on Friday, at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. There will be a Masonic Memorial Service at 7 p.m. on Thursday evening at the funeral home. Memorials in Alfred's memory can be made to Sleeper Public Library of Ubly, Ubly First Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Association.