

Clayton, Norman G.

Norman G. Clayton, 79, of Dwight Township, passed away Sunday, February 25, 2007, at his home. He was born Feb. 27, 1927 in Geneva, New York to the late Leslie and Georgia (James) Clayton. He was united in marriage to Florence Emerson-Ruark on November 4, 1984 in Port Austin. Mr. Clayton was a resident of Dwight Township since 1969. He was a veteran of World War II Army Air Corp where he served in the Merchant Marines for one year and three years as Radio Operator Corporal. He attended Milwaukee School of Engineering and was employed 36 years as a heating and cooling contractor for the Defense Department. He was a member of the Kinde Presbyterian Church and the American Legion in Port Austin. He participated in Bluewater Youth for Christ and volunteered at church. From 1972 to 1980, he was a Scout Master and member of Committee Troop 587. Norman enjoyed tinkering around home and visiting with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Florence, of Dwight Township; one son, Leslie (Michele) Clayton, of Alma; one daughter, Judith (Duane) Emlinger, of Ionia; one stepson, David (Julie) Ruark, of Lansing; one stepdaughter, Beth (Dane) Bezemek, of Davisburg; one brother, Robert (Patricia) Clayton, of Tucson, Arizona; 12 grandchildren, Erik Emlinger, T. Chalmers Clayton, Addison Clayton, Talmon Clayton, Victoria Clayton, Nicole Clayton, Erin Ruark, Ian Ruark, Allen Bezemek, Emily Bezemek, Danielle Bezemek and Kathleen Bezemek; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Vicky Lyn Clayton; and an infant granddaughter, Anna Ruark. A funeral service will be at noon on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at the Kinde Presbyterian Church. The Rev. David Freeland will officiate. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at MacAlpine Gage Chapel in Kinde and from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday at the church. Burial will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Memorials may be offered to the Kinde Presbyterian Church or the Family Discretionary Fund.