

## **Sumner, Olaf**

Olaf "Catfish" Sumner, 78, of Oak Beach died Saturday evening, May 6, 2000, at Covenant-Cooper Hospital in Saginaw. He was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Sunbright, Tenn., to the late Charles and Velma (Young) Sumner. On June 1, 1971, he was united in marriage to Wanda (Nichols) Easterwood in Detroit. This was a second marriage for both of them after being widowed. Between them, they were blessed with six children: Suellen Sale and her husband, Richard, of Detroit, Douglas Easterwood and his wife, Christine, of Lincoln Park, Sharon Easterwood of Detroit, David Easterwood and his wife, Beth, of Chelsea, Shelly Kelley and her husband, Kevin, of St. Clair Shores, and Alfreda Sumner of Waterford, N.Y. Mr. Sumner had been a salesman for Wards Bakery in Detroit for 25 years, retiring in April 1977. They had been coming to the Port Austin area for a number of years before settling near Oak Beach in 1980. He was a past active member of the Gilead Baptist Church, Detroit, driving their bus and teaching Sunday school, and he attended the Caseville United Methodist Church. Catfish was well-known along the shore as an avid fisherman, hence the nickname. He also will be remembered for his crafts and his unique talent of making beautiful flowers from discarded milk jugs. His favorite time of year was Library Week where he was able to show the children the art of flower making. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by 11 grandchildren, Derek, Jennifer, Matthew, Mark, Jessica, Alan, Seth, Brandon, Amanda, Lawrence and Catrina; and two brothers, Carol Sumner and William Sumner. He was preceded in death by a brother, Avery Sumner. In keeping with his wishes, there will be no public visitation or services. A private memorial service for the family will be conducted at a later date. Memorials may be given to the Pigeon District Library. Arrangements are being handled by the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville.