

Sullivan, John

John Richard "Dick" Sullivan, 78, of Bad Axe was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at Veteran's Hospital in Saginaw. Richard was born on Oct. 3, 1923, in Royal Oak to the late John Clinton and Caroline (Irwin) Sullivan, formerly of Bad Axe. He moved with his parents back to Huron County where he attended the Wakefield Country School and the Elkton School. He served in World War II from 1944 to 1946. After returning from the service, he worked at O'Brien's Tire Shop in Bad Axe and then at Marlette Homes until his retirement. He married Sylvia Krinkie, daughter of Anthony and Martha (Poloski) Krinkie on Nov. 11, 1972. Dick was very active in the two-way radio field. He got his start in the days of citizens band radio in the 1960s and 1970s. Later he switched to amateur radio and had the position of treasurer in the Lake Huron Amateur Radio Club for many years. He worked with emergency services and was a weather spotter for the United States Weather Service. Whenever there was a disaster or drill, he was there. He acted as coordinator for the radio club during the Bad Axe Christmas parade. He always participated in the annual radio club picnic and the Amateur Radio Field Day. Dick was very active in the VFW, also. He very seldom missed a meeting or a veteran's funeral. He was senior vice commander of Pigeon Post No. 2236 when he entered the hospital. He was always ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed a lift. He enjoyed squirrel and deer hunting, also. Richard is survived by his wife, Sylvia; three sisters, Gratta Grigg of Bad Axe, Virginia Tait of Bad Axe and Ruth Morgan and her husband, Bill, of Kent, Wash.; a cousin, Marion Shuart. He was preceded in death by his parents, twin brothers and a sister, Greeta Sullivan Smith. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on June 21, 2002, at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Pastor Richard Shuart will officiate. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to the family discretionary fund.