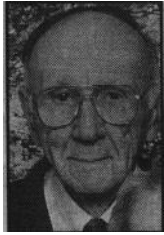


## **Robert James McBride**



Robert James McBride, 84, Wildwood, Mo., and formerly of Bad Axe, Owendale and Elkton, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at the Bethesda Meadow Nursing Center in Ellisville, Mo.

Born in Ford Hospital in Detroit, he was the son of Robert and Ida Mae (LaForge) McBride.

After graduating from Elkton High School in 1941, he studied music at Albion College. He joined the Army Air Corp during World War II and worked in radio intelligence.

He married Cecilia Funk in Batchtown, Ill., in 1944 and shortly after moved back home to Elkton. He served on the Bad Axe Police Department for many years as an officer and Chief of Police. He also worked with the Huron County Sheriff's Department as a deputy. After retirement from the police department in 1947, he and his wife owned and operated two adult foster care homes for 32 years, one in Owendale and one in Bad Axe. Many of the people who stayed with them became members of the family. He again retired in January 2006 to live with his daughter in Wildwood, Mo. Bob was a ham radio enthusiast and belonged to the Lake Huron Amateur Radio Club and the Thumb Area Radio Club. He became a licensed pilot and loved flying radio controlled airplanes as well. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Robert is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Cecilia; and four children, Julie Schattyn and husband, Lloyd, of Wildwood, Mo., Theresa McBride of Ubly, Janine McBride-Rahn and husband, Vance, of Anderson, S.C. and Mark McBride of Ubly; his two sisters Margaret Taylor of Pigeon, Carolyn McLean Kennedy of Florida; and one brother, Carroll McBride of Port Austin. He also has two grandchildren Thad Rahn and Tyler Rahn of Denver, Colo.; and special family members, Arlene Bittner of Gagetown and Jon Fischer of Port Austin.

There will be a visitation at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Genesis Home, 4440 N. Washington St., Ubly, MI 48475.