

Burk, Alvin

Alvin R. "Fin" Burk, 75, of Decker died Monday, May 20, 2002, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. He was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Waldenberg, Macomb County. He married Juanita P. Barfield on Feb. 22, 1947, in Bowling Green, Ohio. Fin served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked at the Sanilac County Garage as a mechanic. He owned Fin's Sinclair Service Station for many years. He was a Mac Toolman for a time. Fin worked for Hunt's Construction as a mechanic until his retirement. Fin enjoyed square dancing with his wife. He was a professional square dance caller and also gave lessons over the years. Fin had a business/hobby of engraving name tags. He was a member of the Michigan Square Dance Leaders Association and Shabbona United Methodist Church. At one time Fin was a Cub Scout leader and a Boy Scout leader. He was a private pilot and owned his own plane at one time. Alvin is survived by his wife, Juanita; children Alvin Burk and his wife, Kathy, of Woodbury, Minn., David L. Burk and his wife, Charlene, of Delton, James Burk and his wife, Rose, of Cass City, Ruby Burk of Albion and Diane Morrison and her husband, Greg, of Williamsburg; grandchildren Alvin R. Burk III, Kathy A. Burk and her friend, Corey Miller, Rebecca Burk, Amy Burk, Allen Burk and his wife, Tammy, Michael Russell and his wife, Kim, Angie Williams and her husband, Tom, Matthew Ramsey, Natalie Ramsey, Thomas Ramsey and Corey Edwardson; great-grandchildren Chloe Rose, Suzanne, Megan, Jason, Gabriel and Elizabeth; a brother, Alfred Burk and his wife, Mary, of Cass City; a sister, Ann Brede and her husband, Jim, of Shelby Township; several nieces and nephews; and Juanita's sister, Ona Barfield of Florida and stepmother, Frances Barfield of South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his brother, Albert Burk. Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2002, at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City with the Rev. Ellen Burns of Shabbona United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Township Cemetery, Shabbona. Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or the American Cancer Society.