J. Howard Cooley 1902 – 1999

Mr. J. Howard Cooley, age 96, of Caseville Township, passed away Saturday, August 14 at Tendercare of Cass City.

He was born in Riggsville on October 26, 1902. On May 24, 1924, he was united in marriage to Ruth Isabelle O'Neill in Detroit. She preceded him in death on December 26, 1974. He was then married to Mary "Peteie" McElhearan in Willingboro, New Jersey, in 1975. She preceded him in death on June 21, 1999.

Mr. Cooley worked with Murray Sales, a plumbing supply company, and was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge. He was also a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Caseville, as well as the Caseville United Methodist Church.

His survivors include two step-daughters, Sharon (Mrs. James) MacKenzie of Willingboro, New Jersey and Faith (Mrs. Gary) Taylor of Kansas City, Missouri; and three step-grandchildren, Mary (Mrs. William) Riley of Moretown, Vermont, Elizabeth MacKenzie of Marlton, New Jersey, and Nathanael Jonathan Taylor of Kansas City, Missouri. He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Harold Quay, and his mother, Lydia "Louise" Quay.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 20 at the Caseville United Methodist Church, with Rev. Michael Quayle, pastor, and Rev. John L. Adams, officiating. Interment will take place at Caseville Township Cemetery.