

GILBERT G. SPRAGUE

1928 - 1995

Gilbert Gene Sprague, 67 of Owendale, passed away Saturday, July 29, at Saginaw General Hospital

He was born in Bay Port on June 4, 1928, the son of the late Nijay and Ethel (Lintner) Sprague. On Oct. 20, 1956, he was united in marriage to Florence M. Groh in Flint. She survives him.

Mr. Sprague was a Marine Corps Veteran, having served at Iwo Jima and Guam during World War II, and receiving injuries during his service. He worked for the C & O Railroad and then for Fisher Body in Flint for 15 years as foreman and inspector. He was a commercial fisherman for many years with the Bay Port Fish Company, and for several years was an employee of Michigan Sugar Company.

Mr. Sprague was a member of Horseshoe Acres Church in Bad Axe.

Surviving him are his wife, Florence M., Owendale; two daughters, Jody Sprague, Owendale, and Tonya (Arnold) Gaeth, Unionville; four sons, Gilbert G. (Joy) Sprague, Jr., Owendale, Bryan Sprague and Bradley (Lorie) Sprague, all of Bay Port, and Kevin Sprague, Unionville; 18 grandchildren; two sisters, Mary (Clifford) Turmell, Bay City and Dolores Mitchell, Caro; four brothers, Russell Sprague, Harold Sprague, and Robert (Shirley) Sprague, all of Bay Port, and Edwin Sprague, Essexville; and many nieces and nephews. A son, Gregory A. Sprague, and a granddaughter, Lisa Gaeth, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted on Aug. 2 from the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home of Sebawaing. Rev. Stewart Justin, pastor at Horseshoe Acres Church, officiated, with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery, Fair Haven Township.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans or the church.