

Donald "Bear" Tietz

Age 78, died Sunday, October 10, 2004 at his home following a 6-week illness.

He was born April 7, 1926 in Sebewaing, son of the late Otto and Ida (Ertel) Tietz.

He married Margaret "Marge" Eurich on October 12, 1944 in Denver, CO. She preceded him in death on May 11, 1993.

Don had been employed as excavating contractor for Tietz Contracting for 30 years before retiring in 1991. He served in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre during World War II.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Sebewaing V.F.W. Post #4115 and the Sebewaing Lions Club and was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award.

Don was an avid hunter, fisherman and card player, and girls' softball coach for many years.

Surviving are 3 daughters and 2 sons and spouses; Cheri (Marty) Hopcroft, Auburn; Pamela (David) Wiltse, Sebewaing; Jan (Michael) Tatomir, Farmington Hills; Rodney (Noreen) Tietz, Sebewaing; Jeffrey (Bev) Tietz, Unionville; 12 grandchildren; 5 step-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Tietz, and a nephew, Gerald Tietz.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rev. Daniel Hahn will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.