

Furness, Stanford

Stanford "Scorch" Furness, 87, of Elkton died in his sleep Thursday morning, Oct. 10, 2002, at his home. He was born Sept. 11, 1915, at the home of his parents, the late Edward and Leah (Mousseau) Furness in Harbor Beach. He grew up in the Pinnebog and Chandler Township areas. On Sept. 29, 1939, he was united in marriage to Bernice Morell at the Kinde Presbyterian parsonage and settled in Elkton. Several years later, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines and South Pacific during World War II. Scorch was a finish carpenter by trade. He and his brothers built many homes throughout the area including time spent constructing mobile homes in Marlette and prefab housing at Michigan Lumber Fabricating in Elkton. After retiring in 1974, he continued with his woodworking talents by doing smaller carpenter jobs for neighbors and friends. He also built many, many intricate detailed toys and crafts. He relaxed by ice fishing, pheasant and deer hunting. Surviving are his wife, Bernice; three children, Jeanette Furness of Washington, Eileen Stempin and her husband, Gary, of Las Vegas, Nev. and Burton Furness and his wife, Mary, of Elkton; two grandchildren, Chris and Matt; two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Ashley. Preceding him in death were two brothers, Roy and Clifford; and a sister, Dorothy Farver. Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton. The Rev. DeWeerd Smith will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Elkton. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 2 p.m. until the time of service Sunday at the funeral chapel. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or the family. Words of condolence or the guest book may be signed at www.CFCelkton.com.