

Gray, Norman N.

Norman Neil Gray, 88, of Cass City died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 in Tendercare Nursing Facility in Cass City.

He was born Sept. 12, 1920 in Harbor Beach to Hugh and Elizabeth (Kelley) Gray.

He married Josephine Olsowy on June 16, 1945 in St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City.

Norman received a Purple Heart during World War II serving with the Army Corps of Engineers in the Aleutian Islands. He worked at C.R. Hunt Construction, retiring after almost 40 years. Norman was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and Cass City Gagetown Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. He was a member of Cass City VFW Post No. 3644, serving as Post Commander 1991-1992. Norman was a member of DAV in Caro. He enjoyed woodworking, reading western novels, playing bingo and dancing. He loved to play harmonica for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Norman is survived by his wife, Josephine; daughter-in-law, Linda Gray of Cass City; grandchildren, Brad (Alissa) Gray of Flint, Andy (Kim) Gray of Cass City; great-grandchildren, Julian, Emma, Spencer, Kalee, Kacee; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Phillip Gray; sisters, Esther Gray, Gertrude Gray; brothers, Irving, Arnold, and Arlington Gray; and three infant siblings.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009 in St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Rev. Stephen J. Fillion officiating. Interment will take place in the spring in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday in Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church. Military honors under the direction of Cass City VFW Post No. 3644. Family and friends may share memories, prayers, and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.