

Koroleski, Philip J.

Philip J. Koroleski, 88, a life-long resident of Dwight Township, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

He was born Aug. 18, 1920 in Dwight Township, to the late Floyd and Christine (Miller) Koroleski. Phil was united in marriage to Reta A. Ignash on June 15, 1946 at St. Mary's Catholic Church – Dwight. Reta preceded Phil in death on June 22, 2001.

He was a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II receiving the Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Overseas Service Bar, Sharp Shooter – M1, and the Good Conduct Medal. After his honorable discharge he farmed along while working for Wallace Ignash, Corrion Excavating, Clancy Brothers and the Huron County Road Commission.

Mr. Koroleski was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dwight where he was an usher and officer of the Holy Name Society. He served for four decades on the Kinde Area Fire Board, was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 4003, the U & I Club of Port Austin, Kinde Senior Citizens, Dwight Township Board member, the Knights of Columbus, Bad Axe, and the Pt. Austin American Legion.

Along with being a big Detroit Tiger fan, he especially enjoyed playing euchre, fishing, hunting, gardening, working on his tractor and most of all visiting with friends and neighbors.

Surviving are two daughters, Marlene (Gary) Pratt and Barbara (Larry) Jimkoski, both of Elkton; four sons, Dave (Kathy) Koroleski, Stanley Koroleski, and Duane (Carol) Koroleski all of Kinde; Marvin (Vivian) Koroleski of Elkton; one sister Lottie Ignash of Kinde; one son-in-law, John Ruffini of Clinton Township; 11 grandchildren, Mahalia Monday, Chad Pratt, Sara Sanchez, Tara Jimkoski, Bryan Koroleski, Kevin Koroleski, Jennifer Koroleski, Tonya Koroleski, Kim Koroleski, Katie Koroleski and Nichole Adams; seven great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Koroleski was preceded in death by his daughter, Rose Ruffini; infant grandson, Mark John Koroleski; sisters, Irene Bouvrette, Theresa Rice, Florence Reynolds; and brothers-in-law, Maurice Bouvrette, Ben Rice, Roy Reynolds and Harry Ignash.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dwight. Fr. Mietek Oniskiewicz, will officiate. Burial will take place in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 10 a.m. until the time of services Tuesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home – Gage Chapel, Kinde. A scripture service will take place at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.