

Kurzer, Oscar

Oscar "Oakie" Kurzer, 76, of Caseville, passed away on Friday evening, May 30, 2003, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon following a long battle with lung cancer. He was born April 8, 1927 at the home of his parents, the late Oscar and Pearl (Chevailier) Kurzer in Sebewaing. Oakie grew up in Sebewaing and after high school, he enlisted in the Merchant Marines and served in the South Pacific during World War II. On Oct. 8, 1949, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Botwright in Bay City. After his service time, he returned to Sebewaing where he was employed at Sebewaing Motor Sales the next 17 years. In 1963, he opened OK's Leonard Service at the corner of Caseville Road and M-25 and moved his family to Caseville in 1964. The name of the business changed to OK's Boron Service before he sold the business in 1985. He continued to work there until he retired in February of 1990. He was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, the Caseville American Legion Post No. 543, and Hubbard-Winsor Lodge No. 420 F & AM. Oakie served on the Caseville Village Council for eight years. He was Sunday school superintendent and the church softball coach at the Sebewaing United Methodist Church for several years, chairman of the Advisory Board and trustee at the Caseville United Methodist Church for many years. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two children, Charles Kurzer and his wife, Penny, of Metamora, Cheryl Abbe and her husband, Dan Jr., of Elkton; six grandchildren, Jason, Joel, Shannon, Steffany, Tracy and Eric; six great-grandchildren; and his sister, Betty Fry, of Summerville, Ga. He was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Maurice and Wallace; three sisters, June Jones, Marion Cady and Barbara Wittman. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2003, at the Elkton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Pete Crawford, pastor, officiating with burial and graveside military honors in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville or at the church after 10 a.m. on Monday. Memorials may be given to the church or the Dr. Herb Ryan Scholarship Fund at Bay Shore Camp. Friends may sign the guest book at www.CFCCaseville.com