

### **Schmalz, Edwin A.**

Edwin "Allen" Schmalz, 96, of Harbor Beach, passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2006, in the Harbor Beach Community Hospital long term care unit. He was born January 26, 1910 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Paul A. and Laura (Meyer) Schmalz. On April 20, 1931, Allen and Mary Elizabeth Ganley were united in marriage. She preceded him in death on November 11, 1989. Allen was a second generation owner of Schmalz Plumbing and Heating in Harbor Beach, acquiring the business from his father, P.A. Schmalz, in 1970. His father started the business in 1910 as a sheet metal shop. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Beach and a life member of the Verona-Huron Lodge 365 Masonic Lodge of which he served as Worthy Master. Allen was a former member of the Harbor Beach Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Lions Club. He also served on the Harbor Beach City Council and was instrumental in the Industrial Park development in Harbor Beach. Surviving are his children, Lexie Ann Wade and her husband, Donald, of Marysville, Richard A. Schmalz and his wife, Joyce, of Harbor Beach, Carol Wojnar and her husband, John, of Howell, Thomas L. Schmalz and his wife, Judy, of Harbor Beach, and Fred Schmalz and his fiancée, Kim, of Roseville. He was the proud grandfather of 25 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and nine great great grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Beatrice Dickinson, of Harbor Beach, and Virginia Schmalz, of Vero Beach, Florida; and nephew, Mark Schmalz, of Gainesville, Florida. Preceding him in death were a brother, Chester E. Schmalz; and a great granddaughter, Stephanie Wade. He will be dearly missed by all his children and grandchildren. He had such a positive and wonderful outlook on life and passed on many life lessons to his grandchildren. He always enjoyed a good joke, cherished family reunions and loved playing cribbage and doing crossword puzzles. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 2006, in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, with the Rev. Theresa Cutler, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City, with interment in the New River Cemetery, Huron City, at a later date. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday. A Masonic Memorial service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Harbor Beach Community Hospital Long Term Care, Eastern Huron Ambulance Service or the family discretionary fund.