

Weatherhead, Kenneth L.

Businessman Kenneth Weatherhead, 75, died peacefully surrounded by his family in Phoenix, Arizona on Friday, April 28, 2004. Ken was born in Huron County on March 1, 1929. His parents, Frank and Gladys Weatherhead, resided in Gagetown for many years where they raised Ken, younger brother William and two sisters, Anita and Elaine. His father was a school teacher in the Cass City School System and his mother operated a beauty salon in their Gagetown home. A younger brother, William Weatherhead, who preceded him in death, is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Flint. His sisters, Anita Loomis, and her husband, Donald, and Elaine Hendricks and her husband, Richard, currently reside in the Cass City area. The former husband of Marion Kritzman of Cass City, he was a devoted father to their four children. His memory as a loving father and family man will be forever cherished by Rick Weatherhead and his wife, Susan, of Michigan, Randy Weatherhead, of Illinois, Cindy Gilmore and her husband, Terry, of California, and Lisa Cellers and her husband, Stewart, of Arizona. Mr. Weatherhead spent the early part of his career with Kroger Company and A & P before he purchased the Elkton IGA grocery store which he proudly operated as a family business for more than 20 years. He moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1976, where he finished his career in the grocery business with Bashas Supermarkets. Ken excelled in sports during high school and loved to hunt and fish with his children. He especially loved to read and enjoyed writing poems in his later years. Ken will be remembered by his many friends, neighbors, and children in the Gilbert, Arizona area as the kind gentleman who always greeted the children coming home from school with his big dog "Mugsy". By his children, his legacy as a man of integrity, honesty, and compassion will live on in them and in the hearts of his 12 grandchildren. At his request, no immediate formal services will be conducted. Interment will be private. His home and chosen resting place is in the small quaint area known as the Thumb of Michigan. A special remembrance service among immediate family and friends from his earlier years will be conducted in his honor at 4 p.m. on July 24, 2004 at Elkton United Methodist Church.