

Gay, Charles

Charles Gay, 76, of Bad Axe, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at the Mid Michigan Regional Medical Center in Midland following an extended illness. He was born on January 15, 1927 in Kinde, son of the late Joseph and Stella (Harris) Gay. He married Elizabeth Trombley on June 16, 1948 in St. Michael's rectory in Port Austin. He was a plumber at the former Gay Plumbing and Heating in Bad Axe, a photographer at Hearsch's Studio and a machinist at Huron Tool in Bad Axe. He was a former Bad Axe Little League coach and enjoyed pheasant hunting, perch fishing, amateur radio operations, computers, lawn care, photography and classical music. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Charles is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Gay, of Bad Axe; three sons, Danny Gay, of Overland Park, Kansas, Douglas Gay and his wife, Linda, of Bad Axe, David Gay and his wife, Lou Ann, of Eureka, Missouri; one grandson, Charles Gay, of Mount Pleasant; one brother, Alfred Gay and his wife, Irene, of Kinde; two sisters, Lota Grinstead, of Orlando, Fla., and Arvilla Arch, of Shelby Township. He was preceded in death by one sister, Eldora Martinson. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Officiating will be Fr. James Carlson, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until the service time at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to the National Kidney Foundation.