

Stecker, Walter

Walter "Bud" Stecker, 84, of Sebewaing and formerly of Unionville and Bay City, passed away Saturday morning, March 13, 2004, at Tendercare of Cass City following a lengthy illness. He was born June 25, 1919 in Saginaw, son of the late Nicholas and Pauline (Kretchmer) Stecker. He was united in marriage to Miriam Beckman on August 30, 1940 in Unionville. She preceded him in death in August 1987. Budd had been employed for General Motors at Steering Gear Plant No. 1 in Saginaw until retiring in 1982. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, as an interpreter in charge of German prisoners. He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Hubbard Winsor No. 420 F & AM. He also was a member of the Unionville American Legion Post No. 421. He enjoyed music and was an avid dancer. His wonderful sense of humor and smiling face will always be remembered by his family and many friends. Surviving are one son, one daughter and their spouses; Leon C. and Alice Stecker, Unionville; Paula and Edward Pelts, Beverly Hills, Michigan; four grandchildren: Jeffrey Stothard, and his wife, Maureen, of Essexville; Kevin Stecker and his wife, Kristy, and Joy Stothard, all of Bay City; Patrick Stecker and his wife, Kari, of Sebewaing; four great-grandchildren: Laura Koenig, Haley Stothard, Megan Stecker and Emma Stecker; one sister, Lynda Otherson, of Unionville; one sister-in-law, Normagene Delaney, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; a special friend Betty Eckstorm, of Bay City; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers: Rhiney, Carl and William Stecker; three sisters, Elsie Heyza, Sally Dickinson and Lydia Barrigar. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing under the auspices of the Hubbard Winsor Lodge No. 420 F & AM. Burial will be in the Columbia Township cemetery near Unionville. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. on Monday and from noon until the time of service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Masonic Lodge, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, United Hospice or The Humane Society.