

Garant, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Garant, 89, of Caseville, passed away on Sunday, October 9, 2005, at his home after a brave battle with cancer. Joe was born September 19, 1916 in the home of his late parents, Alex and Agnes (LaLonde) Garant, in Flint. Joe married Doris O'Connor in 1935 and she preceded him in death in 1981. He then married Evelyn Halleck in 1984, she also preceded him in death in 2000. Joe married Rose Marie (nee Maguire) Osmond on July 3, 2004 at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville. Joe retired from General Motors in 1975 after 30 years of employment. When he retired, he was the superintendent of the Fisher Body Plant in Flint. Joe had participated in the sit-down strike in 1936 against GM. After many years of camping in Caseville, Joe moved there permanently in 1976. He was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church, the Caseville Eagles, and the Caseville Retirement Club. He enjoyed playing cards, especially Euchre, and spending time with his friends and family. Joe is survived by his wife, Rose Marie; daughters, Shirley (David) Teggerdine, of Howell, Betty (Dave) Clevenger, of Fenton, and Sally Justus, of Caseville; seven step-children; 15 great-grandchildren; and many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Ernest (Dorothy) Garant, of Holly; Leah Allard, of Indiana; and Lori (Verl) Winningham, of Fenton. He was preceded in death by his wives, Doris and Evelyn; daughter, Barbara Jean Stanfill; sisters, Edna Mills, Rose Stevens, and Lucille Forbes; and brothers, Andrew, William and Leonard Garant. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville, with Fr. Ken Jaroch presiding. Burial will be at Flint Memorial Park. Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville and from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass on Wednesday at the church. There will be an Eagle's Ritual at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and a scripture service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. The family would like to extend special thanks to Michael Osmond and Heartland Hospice for their help during Joe's illness. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice. Condolences may be shared online at www.cfcCaseville.com