

Helms, John W.

John W. Helms, 93, of Bay Port died Friday, May 1, 2009 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1916 in Highland Park, son of the late George E. and Amalie Benedicte (Wendelboe) Helms.

He was united in marriage to Helen K. Kohr on April 17, 1943 in Highland Park. She preceded him in death on May 5, 1989.

John had been a chemical engineer for Occidental Petroleum in Detroit for many years before retiring in 1978.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

They had lived in Berkley until moving to Bay Port in 1978.

He was an avid duck hunter, fisherman and enjoyed gardening.

He is survived by one son, one daughter, and their spouses Michael V. (Beverly) Helms of Flat Rock, Katrine (Frederick) Barnard of Washington Township; he is also survived by grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Paul Helms.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

As per his wishes there will be no visitation or service. A private committal service will take place later at the New Bay Port Cemetery near Bay Port.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebawaing.