

Murphy, William E.



William E. Murphy age 74 of Port Hope passed away Monday, July 2, 2007 in the Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born on August 29, 1932 in Shepherd, MI to the late Joseph and Velma (Dunn) Murphy. On May 25, 1963, Bill and Janet M. Hurford were united in marriage in Bad Axe, MI. Bill is a 1950 graduate of Shepherd High School and a 1960 graduate of Central Michigan University. He was a veteran of the US Air Force serving for 3 and half years. His teaching career started in the Ugly Schools from 1960-68; Port Hope Schools 1968-1991 where he was Principal, Athletic Director, Coach of four sports, and Title I director for Port Hope and the County Schools. He retired in 1991. Bill was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church of Harbor Beach and the AmVets Post 115 of Port Hope. He is survived by his wife Janet Murphy of Port Hope, and 4 sons and a daughter: Michael Murphy and his wife Kathy of Searcy, AR. Tami Bailey and her husband Randy of Myrtle Beach, SC, Joseph Murphy and his wife Karen of Kingston, Patrick Murphy and his wife Julie of Maryville, IL, and Timothy Murphy and his wife Jill of Caro. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren: Amy, Ali, Kevin, Billy, Jeffrey, Danielle, Woody, Caitlin, Claire, Ashlin, Zachary, Will, Zoe, Connor, Morgan and 2 great grandchildren Joslin and Jenna and by two sisters Bette Jones of Chicago, IL, Joyce Feltman of Shepherd and a brother Dennis Page and his wife Sue of Ithica, MI. Bill was preceded in death by a brother Robert Murphy in 1991 and a sister Bonita Castner in 2004. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 10am in Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, Harbor Beach with Fr. T.J. Fleming officiating. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Visitation will be Saturday at the church from 9-10 a.m. Ramsey Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Memorials may be given to the Port Hope School Athletic Dept.