

McBride, Robert G.

Robert G. McBride, 84, of Standish and formerly of Caseville, passed away Thursday evening, August 31, 2006, at Saint Mary's of Standish Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility with his family at his side. Robert was born February 17, 1922 at the home of his parents, Joseph and Rosalia (Witherspoon) McBride in Elkton. He was united in marriage to Irene C. Gelnow on February 14, 1942 during World War II. Robert served his country in the U.S. Army Pacific Theater. Robert owned and operated a farm in Caseville until moving to Standish in 1961 where he continued farming and working as a welder and pipe fitter for Defoe Shipyard in Bay City. He then worked as a bus mechanic for the Standish Sterling School District until his retirement in 1984. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family, trips to Florida, and gardening. He also was a member of the American Legion. Robert is survived by his wife of 64 years, Irene; seven children, Joseph (Margaret Ann) McBride, of Pigeon, June Drake, of Marshall, Texas, Robert L. McBride, of Belding, Charles (Kathy) McBride, of Sterling, Richard (Cathy) McBride, of Parrish, Florida, Patrick (Mary) McBride, of Standish, William (Connie) McBride, of Standish; 16 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Kenneth and infant, Forest McBride; three sisters, Marquerite Rodgers, Clara Laming, Mildred Ballagh, granddaughter, Dorothy Elizabeth (Beth) McBride, son-in-law, Michael Drake. The family would like to thank the staff of Standish Hospital and Skilled Nursing, Heartland Hospice, Sister Edith, and Rose Kosemba for their help and kindness. Family and friends may call at the R. O. Savage Funeral Chapel in Standish from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2006. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 11 a.m. at the R. O. Savage Chapel, with Sister Edith Martinek officiating. Burial will be in the Resurrection Cemetery in Standish.