

Edwards, Earl

Mr. Earl V. Edwards, 87, of Ruth, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at his home of an apparent heart attack. Earl was born Jan. 2, 1916 in Detroit to the late Elmer and Gertrude (Gilcrest) Edwards. He married Mary Ann Seidl on May 9, 1942 at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. She preceded him in death on Sept. 3, 1997. Earl attended Nativity Elementary School and graduated from Nativity High School, both of Detroit. He attended Michigan State University for two years, studying accounting. He was a private first class in the United States Army, stationed in Japan and the Philippines. He was retired from the Ruth Farmer's Elevator in Ruth. He was a volunteer firefighter for Sherman Township for 36 years. He was a member of the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740. He was a parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where he was very involved at the church and school. He is survived by his children, Thomas E. Edwards and his wife, Mary Lou Finucan, of Berkley, Barbara A. Dalton, of Madison Heights, Therese M. Holman and her husband, Lawrence, of Madison Heights, Joseph G. Edwards and his wife, Betty of Aurora, Colo., Michael P. Edwards, also of Aurora, Colo.; one son-in-law, John W. Green, of North Richland Hills, Texas; five grandchildren, Jody P. Gucwa, of Fowlerville, Danielle M. (Green) Buser and husband, Dennis, of Troy, Jennifer C. Edwards, of Battle Creek, Katie Joy Edwards, of Kalamazoo, Adam T. Edwards, of Aurora, Colo.; one great-grandson, Carter James Buser, of Troy; one brother, Glenn Edwards and wife, Lillian, of Michigan; one sister, Marie Cutchins and her husband, Eddie of Warren. Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; one son, Paul J.; three sisters, Vera Edwards, Maybelle Tenbusch and Helen Angel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 28, 2003, at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Ruth. Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors by the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740. Visitation will be at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubyly from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, and from 1 to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday; and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church only. There will be a parish vigil service at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home and a Firemen's Memorial Service at 7 p.m. Sunday, also at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Ss. Peter and Paul School or Huron Memorial Hospice.