

Willard, Dobbs

Willard J. "Tom" Dobbs, 81, of Alma and formerly of Cass City, died Monday, February 16, 2004, in Masonic Pathways of Alma. He was born April 25, 1922 in Frederick, South Dakota to Willard and Lila (Chinnoek) Dobbs. He married Verna M. Emeigh on May 1, 1943 in Bad Axe. She died September 18, 2001. Tom served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a driver-salesman for Schaeffer's Wholesome Bread Company. Tom was a member of the DAV, Cass City United Methodist Church, formerly Cass City Trinity Methodist Church, a life member of Cass City OES and a Past Master of the Masonic Tyler Lodge #317 in Cass City. He enjoyed making crafts, and made beautiful baskets. After his retirement, he participated in bazaars across the state. Tom is survived by his children, Dr. William D. Dobbs and his wife, Janice, of Holland, Pam Barnes and her husband, Tim, of Kawkawlin; grandchildren, David Dobbs and his wife, Sue, Dennis Dobbs and his wife, Laura, Daniel Dobbs and his wife, Sue, DeAnn Dobbs, Joshua Barnes, Brandi Barnes; great-grandchildren, Danielle, Andrew, Derek, Kimberly, Jared and Tyler Dobbs. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis Paulson, of First United Methodist Church of Ferndale, officiating. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday. Memorials may be made to Masonic Pathways of Alma or Hospice of Michigan. Mr. Dobbs will be interred in Croswell Cemetery, Croswell, next to his wife.