

Muha, Michael E.

Michael E. Muha, DDS, 90, passed on peacefully Jan 21, 2010 with his son, Bill, by his side. Michael was born Oct 20, 1919, in East Chicago, Ind. to Mike and Anna Muha, the oldest boy of nine children. The family moved to a farm near Bangor when Michael was 3 years old. He attended a one-room schoolhouse, and often bragged that he was the smartest one in his class, before telling you that he was the only one in his class.

He attended Western Michigan University prior to joining the Army during World War II. Before being sent to Europe, he married his sweetheart, Elizabeth J Schmid. During his Army career, he received a field commission, served in North Africa and Italy as a Medical Supply Officer, and was awarded several commendations.

Upon leaving the Army, he finished his BS degree at Western and earned his DDS degree with distinction from the University of Detroit. During this time, he and Elizabeth started a family, which eventually grew to four children. He opened his dental practice in Allen Park in 1952 and retired in 2002 so he could take care of his ailing wife, who passed on Jan 15, 2004.

Growing up on a farm, he loved farming and often called himself a farmer first and a dentist second. He purchased a small farm outside Ubly in 1966 and loved spending time there.

Survivors include children Michael (Cathy) of Chelsea, Susan Robbins (Stephen) of Colgate, Wis., William (Susan) of Traverse City, and Robert (Sheri) of Melvindale; sister, Gloria Hart (Tom) of The Villages, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and burial will take place Saturday, January 30, 2010 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan Corners, near Ubly. A reception will follow.