

Donald L. Ladell, 86, of Port Austin, died Friday Aug. 3, 2012 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe with his daughter, Kim, at his side.

He was born July 30, 1926 in Detroit, the son of the late Laverne and Sadie (Barnes) Ladell. He married Diane Rogers on Aug. 26, 1946 at the Long Island Methodist Church. They celebrated 65 years of marriage on Aug. 26, 2011. She preceded him in death on Oct. 27, 2011.

Don served in the Navy during World War II, then joined Salvo Tool Engineering Company as a tool maker at the former Roseville location. Don and Diane moved to Port Austin in November of 1950, shortly before the factory opened. He became manager in 1967. Don retired from the company in 2005 after 57 years of service.

Don was a lifetime member of both the American Legion Frank Horetski Post No. 499 in Port Austin, serving as commander for many years, and of the VFW in Long Island, Maine. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and also loved to play the lottery. Don was a lovely man who is going to be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

Donald is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Ricky) Rice of Kinde; his sister in-law, Gail (Olan) Wood of Long Island, Maine; nephews, Scott and Randy; and niece, Cynthia Hallett, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sister in-law, Dolores MacVane.

Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012 at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Port Austin Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.