

McGee, Joseph L.

Joseph L. McGee, 79, prominent Bad Axe businessman and resident of Colfax Township, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at Courtney Manor Nursing Center in Bad Axe. Mr. McGee was born Aug. 30, 1922, in Pinnebog, to the late Charles A. and Johanna (Grace) McGee. Joseph and Orla M. Yageman were united in marriage on Feb. 26, 1949, by the late Msgr. Charles Roark at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Mr. McGee lived in Bad Axe for the past 53 years. He attended Bates Rural County School. He served in the United States Navy in both the European and Pacific theaters. Joseph was a long-time parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a former member of the church council and Usher's Club. He was a member also of the Huron Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and a member of Verona Hills Golf Club. Joe and his wife, Orla, owned and operated the Bad Axe Hardware Co., retiring in 1984. He enjoyed golf, visiting and socializing with his family and friends. Joe and Orla spent many winters in Palm Harbor, Florida. Joseph is survived by his wife, Orla, of Bad Axe; three sons, Michael McGee and his wife, Martha, of New York, Patrick McGee and his wife, Jeanie, of Caro, and Max McGee and his wife, Michele, of Frankenmuth; one brother, Donald McGee of Oakly, Calif.; two sisters, Eunice O'Malley and her husband, Alex, of Livonia, and Sr. Maxine McGee, S.S.J. of White Pigeon; five grandchildren, Josie McGee, Matt McGee, Molly McGee, Katie McGee and her fiance, Jeff Hinderer, and Carrie McGee. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack McGee and Robert McGee; one sister, Lucille Powers; an infant son, Charles; two granddaughters, Maggie and Vickie McGee. A memorial mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Fr. Robert Shine, long-time friend of the family and pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albee, will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the mass at the church. Cremation took place earlier. MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe is handling the arrangements. Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe Library or Sister of St. Joseph Nazareth.