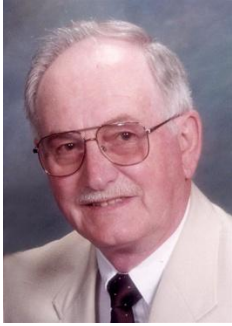


Merle J. Barclay



MERLE J. BARCLAY, age 83 of Harbor Beach, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was born on August 4, 1928 in Port Hope to the late William and Ruth (Quick) Barclay. Merle and Gloria Atwater were united in marriage on August 20, 1949 in Harbor Beach. Merle and his brother Frank Barclay started Barclay Furniture in 1954 in Harbor Beach. He was a manufacturer rep for 21 years. Merle was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed spending time with his family. Merle is a member of the United Methodist Church of Harbor Beach, the Huron Verona Masonic Lodge of Bad Axe, and enjoyed playing cards. He is survived by his wife Gloria Barclay of Harbor Beach, children: James Barclay and his wife Donna of Harbor Beach, Ron Barclay and his wife Lucille of Glendale, AZ, and George "Skip" Barclay and his wife Carle of Dewitt, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, and 2 sisters-in-law Beth Chesney of Harbor Beach and Midge Fain of Glendale, Arizona. Merle was preceded in death by two brothers: Frank and Warren Barclay. Funeral Services for Merle will be Saturday, December 31, 2011 at 11 am at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, with Rev. Donna Cartwright officiating. Burial will follow in Rock Falls Cemetery. Visitation for Merle will be Friday, from 1-9pm in the funeral home and on Saturday beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am. Memorials may be given to Heartland Hospice and the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church.