

Slavin, John

John Slavin, 81, lifelong resident of Bad Axe, passed away following a short illness Monday, March 31, 2003, at Bay Medical Center in Bay City. He was born on May 22, 1921 in Bad Axe to the late Michael and Mabel (Patterson) Slavin. John and Ellen Kohvakka were united in marriage on Oct. 27, 1951 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. They were married for 51 years. She survives him. He was a World War II veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre of Operations at Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, the Phillipines and the Army of Occupation in Japan. John enjoyed fixing cars, gardening, and woodworking. He was a fan of the Detroit Lions and the Detroit Tigers. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. He retired in 1977 after 23 years of service with the State of Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; three sons, Daniel Slavin and his wife, Sheila, of Spring Lake, John F. Slavin and his wife, Nanette, of Waukegan, Ill., Edwin Slavin and his wife, Gayle, of Kentwood; one daughter, Frances Fadie and her husband, Michael, of Commerce Township; one brother, Michael Slavin, of Caseville; two sisters, Margaret Kelly, of Caseville, and Catherine Rapson, of Bad Axe; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and several relatives in Canada. He was preceded in death by four brothers, James, Thomas, Stanley and Martin; four sisters, Evelyn, Irene, Ann, and Flora. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Fr. John Killop will officiate. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. There will be a scripture service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.