

Zaleski, John P.

Mr. John P. Zaleski, 87, of Tucson, Ariz. and formerly of Owendale died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 after a short illness.

He was born June 26, 1921 in Litchfield, Ill., to the late Joe and Frances (Berg) Zaleski.

He married Sharon A. Hohman in North Branch on Aug. 8, 1964. She preceded him in death on Nov. 6, 1998.

John worked at Bud Wheel in Detroit before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1942. After an honorable discharge in 1945, John started his own business; John Zaleski Well Drilling at which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1985.

He belonged to the Knight of Columbus, Bad Axe Council and was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bad Axe, before moving to Newaygo to be near his daughter. John has lived the past five years in sunny Tucson, Ariz.

He is survived by his daughter, Jearise Havenga and her husband, Gregory, of Tucson, Ariz.; four grandchildren, John L. Zaleski of Grand Rapids, James, Antasha, and Liam Havenga of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Teresa Barthowiak of South Lyon; and one brother, Paul Zaleski and his wife, Kathy, of Bad Axe.

John was preceded in death by two brothers; Joe and Richard; and five sisters; Mamie, Helen, Josephine, Tony, and Bernice.

Funeral Mass for John will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at the MacAlpine Funeral Home Mac Chapel Bad Axe. Father Andy Booms, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will be in St. Columbkille Catholic Cemetery Sheridan Corners.

Visitation will be on from 2 until 8 p.m. Monday at MacAlpine Funeral Home Mac Chapel, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

A rosary service will conducted at 7 p.m. Monday night by the Knight of Columbus Bad Axe.

Memorials may be made to St. Columbkille Catholic Church Building Fund or to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.