

Kreh, James

James L. Kreh, 80, of Caseville, died at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2004, at his home after a six-month bout with pancreatic cancer. He was born November 22, 1923 at the home of his parents, the late Herbert and Bertha (Koehn) Kreh in Caseville Township. After graduating from Pigeon High School, he went to Detroit and worked for Walsh Sheet Metal for a while and also at the Bomber plant. He enlisted in the U.S. Marines in January of 1944 and served in the South Pacific and Hawaii during World War II returning home in June of 1946. Later that year, he bought the family business from his father, Greenview Poultry Farm, continuing to hatch and raise laying hens. In 2001, he retired after 55 years in business. On January 29, 1971, he was united in marriage to Priscilla C. (Stasinski) Schramski in Caseville. Jim was an avid golfer, holding the title of "Club Champion" at both Scenic Golf and Country Club and Verona Hills Country Club in 1974. He was also club champion several more times at Scenic. Surviving are his wife, Priscilla; eight children, James Kreh, of Norcross, Georgia., John Kreh and his friend, LuAnn, of Caro, Larry Kreh and his friend, Clara, of Luxembourg, Lori McComb and her husband, Paul, of N. Chili, New York, Patti Kreh and her husband, Alex Panasiuk, of Clinton Township, Veronica Haefner and her husband, Eric, of Novi, Leonard Schramski, of Caseville, and Cathy Haefner and her husband, Peter, of Lowell; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Alvin Kreh and his wife, Georgina, of Kinde; sister, Arlene Hilton, of Fort Myers, Florida. Preceding him in death were two sisters, Helen Mott and Grace Smith. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. The Rev. Fr. Joseph Schabel will officiate with burial in St. Roch Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today and after 10 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to United Hospice. If you are unable to attend, you may sign the guest book at www.CFCcaseville.com.