

Smith, Murray

Murray C. Smith, 78, of Harbor Beach passed away Thursday, March 30, 2000, in Port Huron Hospital following a short illness. Born in Harbor Beach on Aug. 7, 1921, he was the son of the late Edison and Alice (Bracknell) Smith. He and Clara Bogus were married in Napoleon, Ohio on June 3, 1950. The U.S. Army called him into action during World War II. He served in Germany in an anti-aircraft battery for almost four years. Murray retired from the Ex-Cell-O Corp. in Detroit in 1979, after working there for 40 years. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope and a former member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Clara Smith, of Harbor Beach; two sons, Richard Smirthewaite of San Diego, Calif. and Jeffery Smith of Bay City; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; a brother, George Smith of Hartford, Wash.; a sister, Helen Popp of Seattle, Wash. At Murray's request, he was cremated and a private graveside service will be conducted at the Rock Falls Cemetery near Harbor Beach. The Rev. Mark Girardin, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, will officiate. Memorials may be given to the Zion Building Fund through the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach, A Golden Rule Funeral Home, who is handling the arrangements.