

McDonnell, John L.

John Leslie McDonnell, 78, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at his home in White Lake. He was born Sept. 28, 1930 in Bad Axe. John proudly served his country as a corporal of the U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas. He had a long and distinguished career of 44 years with Detroit Edison, and was a member of the Lions Club and Elks Association.

John was an avid golfer and amateur naval historian, who blessed everyone by sharing his humor, stories and conversation. Upon retirement, he and his wife enjoyed spending winters living in Harlingen, Texas.

John is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Patricia (Cook); his son, Mark, with wife, Jan, and their children, Brittany, Kristina and Patrick; his daughter, Shannon Anderson, with husband, Greg, and their daughter Alexandra; his son, David, with wife, Sheri, and their sons, Brennan and Cale; and two siblings, Terrence J., with wife, Noreen, and Mary M. Riordan. He is also survived by many friends who were as dear to his heart as family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Kenneth "Doc", and Beulah; and brother-in-law, Richard P. Riordan.

A memorial graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Bad Axe, followed by a reception at the Franklin Inn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are being handled by the MacAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe. John's wisdom and generous spirit will be missed by all who knew him.