

Dr. David John Wakefield
(August 13, 1925-May 23, 2011)

Dr. David John Wakefield, age 85, resident of Filion, passed away Monday, May 23, 2011 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born August 13, 1925 in Caseville, Michigan to the late Glen and Hope (Conkey) Wakefield.

David was united in marriage to Sally Stone on December 19, 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Japan from 1945 to 1947. Dave then graduated from Michigan State University in 1953 as a DVM, (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine). He built the Bad Axe Animal Medical Clinic in 1973 and retired in 1993. He loved farming and especially raising pure bred Hereford cattle. After retiring, he became a world traveler, visiting over 30 countries. He enjoyed working in his rose garden with over 150 hybrid tea roses and also had a vegetable garden. Dave was an avid reader and attended the Chandler Presbyterian Church.

Dave is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sally Wakefield; his children, Susan Hope Wakefield, M.D. and her husband, Bill Katz, M.D. of Grand Rapids, Kathleen Esther Wakefield, D.V.M. of Rochester, N.Y. and her husband, Paul Quirin and John David Wakefield of Syracuse, N.Y. and his wife, Debra Kubacki Wakefield; grandchildren, Alexandra Wakefield and Melissa Katz; his sisters, Faith (Harry) Bishop of Port Austin and Joyce O'Meara of Chicago, IL.

A private family gathering was held at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe Tuesday evening.