

William "Bill" J. Cleland

Mr. William "Bill" J. Cleland, 81, of Minden City, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010 at the Deckerville Community Hospital.

He was born April 18, 1929 in Detroit, to the late Earl G. and Selda (Moore) Cleland. He married Viola Kattleman on July 17, 1970 at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Lexington. She preceded him in death on Jan. 29, 1992.

Bill attended school in Detroit. He worked at Hercules in Harbor Beach, retiring after 35 years of employment in 1992. He farmed for many years. He worked at Michigan Peat Company from 1998 until 2003. He worked for the Williams Family Farms for about 10 years. He was a member of the Minden City United Methodist Church from 1993 until 2005. He enjoyed birds, coins and the outdoors.

Bill is survived by three daughters, Cassandra "Sandra" Lapp of Deckerville, Christina (Jeffery) Walls of Bad Axe and Carol (Christopher) Smith of Minden City; two sons, William (Shelly) Cleland of Kinde and Paul (Andrea) Cleland of Harbor Beach; 17 grandchildren; one brother, Donald E. Cleland and his wife, Ann, of Avoca; one sister, Joyce Hedgecock of DesMoines, Iowa; and one sister-in-law, Jean Cleland of Marine City.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Earl R. Cleland, on June 13, 1999.

The funeral service will be 1 p.m. Sunday Jan. 2, 2011 at the Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Ave. in Minden City. The Rev. Ellen Burns will officiate. Burial will be in the Minden City Cemetery in the spring.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until the service time Sunday at the Smigielski Funeral Home in Minden City.

Memorials are requested to the family discretionary fund.