

**Rochefort, Lyle, A.**

Lyle A. Rochefort, 87, passed away peacefully late Sunday evening, Jan. 20, 2008, at the Huron Medical Center.

He was born April 15, 1920, to the late Avery and Irma (Babcock) Rochefort.

Lyle attended the McDowell rural school and graduated in the class of 1939.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II, and spent four years in the South Pacific. Upon his return, he worked with his father in the Rochefort family business. He was a long-time member of the Bad Axe Fire Department, Indian Trails Riding Club, and was a current member of the V.F.W. Post 116 and the Thumb 2 Cylinder Club. Lyle loved his tractors. He retired from Thumb Tool in Bad Axe. He enjoyed his morning coffee at the Spartan store and often headed to McDonald's for more coffee and friendly chat.

Mr. Rochefort is survived by Eva, his wife, of 57 years; two sons, Alan (Shelly) and Gary (Connie) Rochefort of Bad Axe; five grandchildren, Nick of Vermont, Rachel, Kevin, Randi and Holley Jo from Michigan; one sister, Carol Klawinski of Bay City; two brothers, Dan Rochefort of Florida and Jack (Jean) Rochefort of Bad Axe; several nieces and nephews.

Lyle was preceded in death by a sister, Florence McDowell Black.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the MacAlpine Mac Chapel in Bad Axe with the Rev. Greg Rowe officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Mac Chapel and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Thursday.

Memorials may be offered to Family Discretionary Fund.