

Cregeur, James E.

James E. Cregeur, 86, of Harbor Beach, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2004, at his home with hospice care and his family at his side. Born in Harbor Beach on January 14, 1918, he was the son of the late Arthur and Margaret (Mousseau) Cregeur. Jim was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in Italy. On April 22, 1947, Jim and Ina Mae Wilson were united in marriage in Harbor Beach. Jim was always interested in making music. At the age of 12, he began learning to play various instruments and continued to play trumpet, fiddle and bass viol while he was in the Army Band at Camp Grant. He played in various orchestras in the area and had his own orchestra, the Jimmy Cregeur Orchestra, which played at many events in the area. He was a former employee of the Harbor Beach Community Schools, working at the Community House and was a carpenter. Jim was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach, the VFW Post No. 9344, and the American Legion Post No. 197 of Harbor Beach. He is survived by his wife, Ina Mae Cregeur, of Harbor Beach, and his children: Margaret Landra and her husband, James, of Garden City, Arthur Cregeur and his wife, Debbie, of Harbor Beach, Laura Bresky and her husband, Marvin, of Imlay City, Clark Cregeur and his wife, Shirley, of Harbor Beach, Susan Blake and her husband, Joe, of Romeo, and Kevin Cregeur and his wife, Jackie, of Bad Axe; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harold Cregeur and his wife, Dorothy, of Caro, and Bernard Cregeur and his wife, Geneva, of Westland; a sister-in-law, Victoria Wilson, of Harbor Beach. Jim was preceded in death by a brother, William Cregeur, and three sisters, Bernice Klump, Luella Howard, and Theresa Poineau. Funeral Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 1, 2004, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, Harbor Beach, with Fr. T. J. Fleming officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A parish vigil service will take place at 7:30 tonight at the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday. Memorials may be given to Hartland Hospice, East Huron Ambulance Service or the Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation.