

Durham, Luther

Mr. Luther G. Durham, 99, of Cass City, passed away Sunday morning, March 7, 2004. He was born in Centerville, Tennessee on February 22, 1905, the son of John P. and Bessie (Taylor) Durham. Luther married the former Martha A. Tonn on October 14, 1933 in Kentucky. She preceded him in death on February 5, 1999. He retired from Uniroyal-Goodrich Corporation in Detroit in 1965 following 37 years of service. In his early years, he enjoyed working on farms and harvesting wheat in the northwest. Surviving are his sons, Edward and his wife, Edith, of Shelby Township, and Robert and his wife, Janet, of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Bruce, Linda, Laurie, Martha, Karen, Richard and Gary; and five great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Jack and his wife, Nancy, Eugene and his wife, Hilda, Ada Anderson and Neola Patterson, all of Tennessee, Sammy Joe and his wife, Willene, of Sterling Heights. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Shemko, in 2003; brother, Newt; and sisters, Early May Street and Carliss Bratcher. A memorial service will take place at a later date. The family has suggested memorials to Tendercare in Cass City or to the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Local arrangements were conducted through Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.