

Buchalski, Bernard M.

Bernard M. Buchalski, 81, of Lake Township near Caseville, died Thursday morning, Oct. 10, 2002 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born July 31, 1921 in Detroit to the late Michael and Theresa (Pietras) Buchalski. On Nov. 7, 1942, he was united in marriage to Jennie M. Krjewski at Resurrection Catholic Church in Detroit. In December of 1942, Bernie was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in the South Pacific during World War II and received a Purple Heart for being wounded in battle. In 1947, he became a Detroit police officer, and retired in 1981 as a detective with 34 years of service. He was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville, Knights of Columbus #8042, VFW Post #1278, Detroit, Lieutenant and Sergeants Association, Detroit, Detroit Police and Fire Association, past president of the PRCUA St. Joseph Society #261, Detroit, and trustee of the Caseville Eagles Aerie #3690. Bernie enjoyed fishing, playing cards and bingo. Surviving are his wife of almost 60 years, Jennie; six children, Ron of Philadelphia, Bob Buchalski and his wife, Gail, of Detroit, Jim Buchalski and his wife, Debbie of Sterling Heights, Theresa Buchalski of Sterling Heights, Gerry Buchalski of Southfield, and Bernadette Bechtel and her husband, Rod, of Elk Grove, Calif.; seven grandchildren; his sister, Regina Rogos of Troy. Preceding him in death were twin sons, Joseph and Gerard Buchalski; two brothers, Ted and Florian Buchalski. Friends may call at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville, from 2-9 p.m. today where an Eagles ritual will be conducted at 6:30 p.m., followed by a K of C rosary at 7 p.m. He will be in state at the Wasik Funeral Home in Warren from 2-9 p.m. Monday. A funeral mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, 8175 E. Lantz, 1 block east of Van Dyke, in Detroit, with burial in St. Roch Cemetery, Caseville. Memorial may be made to St. Rita School for the Deaf, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.