

Schmidt, Peter V.

Peter Vincent Schmidt, 92, of Caseville Township, passed away peacefully early Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro. Born in Pigeon on May 17, 1913 to August and Regina (Reiss) Schmidt, he attended Pigeon area schools in his earlier years and graduated from Pershing High School in Detroit. On June 15, 1940, he was united in marriage to Verla E. Wachner in Detroit. She survives him. Mr. Schmidt retired as a detective with the Detroit Police Department, where he worked from 1937 to 1964. He later worked at the General Motors Tech Center in Warren for more than 10 years. He and his wife retired to Caseville in 1972. Mr. Schmidt loved baseball and in his early years was scouted by the Boston Red Sox. When he was in high school, he was a pitcher and struck out all 27 batters in one game. He also enjoyed caring for his home and was an excellent handyman; he could fix anything. He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon, and as a young boy, helped carry the bricks that built the church. In addition to Verla, his wife for more than 65 years, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Robert Kuzma, of Holly; a son and daughter-in-law, Kurt and Karen Schmidt, of Traverse City; four grandchildren, Keith Schmidt, Kristin (John) Anderson, Todd Kuzma, and Jill (Chris) Lake; three great-grandchildren, Isabel, Gloria, and Alexandria; two sisters, Theresa Swanson and Frances Mickelson; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers. In keeping with Mr. Schmidt's wishes, he has been cremated and will be interred in the church cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Fathers, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, Michigan 48207 or to the Botanical Garden Society of Northwest Michigan, P O Box 1247, Traverse City, Michigan 49685.