

Sharpsteen, Jacob

Jacob F. Sharpsteen, 97, died Saturday, March 10, 2001, at Brian's House in Essexville. He was born at 31 E. Sharpsteen St. in Sebewaing on Sept. 10, 1903, to the late Fredric David and Matilda (Roberts) Sharpsteen. His father was captain of the schooner Hunter Savidge which sank 5 miles northeast of Point Aux Barques lifesaving station on Lake Huron on Sunday, Aug. 10, 1899. There were five lives lost including his first wife, Rosa. Jacob attended the Immanuel Lutheran School in Sebewaing from 1910 to 1914, and then through the eighth grade at the public school. He graduated from Coyne Electrical School in Chicago in 1922. His first job was with the Village of Sebewaing in 1923 when they changed from direct to alternating current. A new power house and generator was installed, new power lines and boulevard lights, the first in Sebewaing. In 1925 and 1926 he was an electrician at the Packard Motor Car Company of Detroit before starting his own business, Sharpsteen Electric in Sebewaing, which he operated until 1964. He later was employed as the electrical contractor at Michigan Sugar Company at Caro, Carrollton and Sebewaing plants until he retired in 1975. He married to Rosamond Ackerman on June 30, 1926. He was later married to Gladys Hemerline in 1964. She preceded him in death in 1972. Jacob was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing. He is survived by one daughter, Beverly Dressler and her husband, Victor, of Sebewaing; one daughter-in-law, Phyllis Sharpsteen of Sebewaing; one step-son, Loren Hemerline of Saginaw; one step-daughter, Althea Boll of Alliance, Ohio; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister-in-law, Pearl Sharpsteen of Sebewaing; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sons, infant Jacob Ealy Sharpsteen and Frederic Sharpsteen; one brother, Robert Sharpsteen; one half-brother, Oliver Roberts; and one stepson, Calvin Hemerline. Cremation took place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A Memorial Service will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing with the Rev. Ray McGee officiating. Inurnment will take place in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. on Tuesday until the time of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to Brian's House.