

Gottsleben, Edwin E. "Ed"

Edwin "Ed" E. Gottsleben, 91, of Bad Axe and formerly of Yale, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 at his home after an extended illness under hospice care. Edwin was born March 23, 1916, to the late Ernest and Nellie (Weston) Gottsleben in Greenwood Township, Yale.

Edwin was united in marriage to Alice Beecher on July 11, 1981.

He graduated from Yale High School and was a member of Greenwood United Methodist Church, Greenwood Township, Yale. Ed served in the United States Army during World War II as a staff sergeant with the Amphibious Engineers and was involved in the North African Campaign, Invasion of Sicily, Italy, Normandy and combat in Germany. He was a member of the Good Fellows Club, Masonic Lodge of Yale and was on the Board of Review of Greenwood Township. Edwin enjoyed hunting, farming and was a carpenter for 70 years.

Mr. Gottsleben is survived by his wife, Alice (Beecher); four step-daughters, Beverly (Larry) Olsen of Dewitt, Becky (Doug) Wilder of Jefferson City, Tenn., Betty Jo (Dan) Glaza of Bad Axe and Bonnie (Michael) Taylor of Altadena, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Gene (Lindsey) Olsen, Todd Olsen, PFC., Nathan Wilder with U.S. Army, Luke (Megan) Wilder, Daniel Wilder, SGT., Jeremy Bodis with U.S. Army, Jessica Bodis, Michael Taylor and Robert (Stephanie) Taylor; one great-granddaughter, Amaris Taylor; one sister, Evelyn Fergus of Bad Axe and formerly of Yale.

Edwin was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Earl Fergus.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 at Mac Chapel-MacAlpine Funeral Home.

There will also be visitation from 11 a.m. until the service time at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Kaatz Funeral Home in Yale. Committal with military honors to follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Yale.

Memorials may be offered to Bad Axe First United Methodist Church or Home/Hospice Advantage.

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