

**Bucholtz, Emil W.**

Emil W. Bucholtz, 86, of Port Hope, passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

He was born July 11, 1922 in Port Hope to the late Herman and Martha (Schultz) Bucholtz. Emil and Bessie Smith were united in marriage in November 1939. Bessie passed away June 2, 2008.

Mr. Bucholtz was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Port Hope. He owned and operated Louisville Garage for 50 years and was a World War II veteran. Emil loved spending time with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Emil is survived by two daughters, Mary Lou (Elwin) Koth of Filion and Linda (Milton) Iseler of Port Austin; three sons, Robert (Denise) Bucholtz of Harbor Beach, Gene (Penny) Bucholtz of Harbor Beach and Gary (Rhonda) Bucholtz of Port Hope; 25 grandchildren, Carol, Beverly, Vicki, Kimberly, Kenneth, Kevin, Jeff, Tandy, Kelly, Laura, Chad, Troy, Tammy, Kerri, Todd, Kyle, D.J., Cody, Rachael, Alexis, Mealissa, Sherry, Sarah, Mark and Kayla; 24 great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren, Tammie, Sandy, Chrissie and Anna; eight step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; two sisters, Florence Dickinson of Harbor Beach and Betty Bucholtz of Bad Axe.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie, after 68 years of marriage; a son, Wilford Bucholtz, a grandson, Robbie Bucholtz and great-grandson, Ryan Koth; five brothers, Harry, William, Leo, Ernie and Elmer; one sister, Ollie Cooper.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Port Hope with burial in the New River Cemetery, Port Austin.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home - Gage Chapel in Kinde.

Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.