

Stephenson, Gerald L.

Gerald "Les" Leslie Stephenson, 83, passed away June 19, 2009 at his home near Bad Axe while under hospice care.

He was born July 9, 1926 in Bad Axe, to the late Alex and Malinda "May" (Rifenbark) Stephenson.

Gerald was united in marriage June 3, 1949 to Doris May Edwards. She preceded him in death May 1, 2004.

Gerald served in the Philippines during World War II.

He worked for many years at Active "Towers" Industries in Elkton as a Metal Finisher. He enjoyed making jigsaw puzzles in the winter, gardening and feeding the birds in the summer; and spending time with his family.

He is survived by six children, James Stephenson of Bad Axe, Gerald "Jerry" (Rose) Stephenson of Flat Rock, Ind., George (Betty) Stephenson of Elkton, Betty Appleton, Mary Stephenson and Violet Morrison of Bad Axe; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one infant son; one daughter-in-law, Mary B. Stephenson; two sons-in-law, Clifford Appleton and Howard Morrison; one grandchild, Eric Stephenson; two great-grandchildren; five brothers, Alexander, George, John (WWII), Lawrence and Robert Stephenson; and two sisters, Orissa Norris and Julia McIntyre.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday and 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to Advantage Hospice in Cass City or the Family Discretionary Fund.