

Callender, Delbert C.

Delbert Clayton Callender, 87, of Harbor Beach went to be with his Lord on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital with his family at his side.

He was born on May 23, 1921 to the late Gladys Gotts in Bad Axe. He graduated from Port Hope High School.

He married his sweetheart, Eleanor Arlene Silverthorn on Feb. 14, 1942. They had five children and were married nearly 67 years.

Delbert served with the 40th Engineers during World War II in northern Africa and Europe. He worked for Hercules Powder Company in Harbor Beach until his retirement in 1983. He served several years as a cubmaster and scoutmaster and was Commander of the Harbor Beach VFW. Delbert was a member of the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church. He was known for his wood-carving and enjoyed traveling and camping with his wife and family.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Callender of Harbor Beach; daughter, Penny (Robert) Letts of Harbor Beach; sons, Thomas (Margaret) Callender of Ruth, David (Nancy) Callender of Surry, N.H., Richard (Mary) Callender of Harbor Beach; grandchildren, Jillynn (Joe) Keppler, Sara Callender (Jay Grossman), Jeremy (Nicole) Arntz, Laura (Paul) Fisher, James (Christy) Callender, Timothy (Bridget) Callender, Daniel (Becky) Callender, Kirk (Sarah) Callender, Travis Callender, Kyle Callender (fiancé Kim Golis), Nickolas Callender, Gabriel Callender; three step-grandchildren, Laura Letts, Michael (Tina) Letts, Michelle (John) Whistler; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by sister, Doris Callender of Aurora, Colo.; brother, Ernest (Norma) Callender of West Bloomfield; sister-in-law, Edythe Silverthorn of Lexington, Ky.; brother-in-law, William (Angie) Silverthorn of Zephyrhills, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a 1-year-old son, John Wesley Callender; a brother, Robert Callender; and sister-in-law, Betty Ogden.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. The Rev. Paul Timm will officiate. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 p.m. until the service time on Sunday at the funeral home.