

### **Freiburger, Alden B.**

Alden Bernard "Barney" Freiburger, 86, of Cass City, died Sunday, February 11, 2007, in Hills and Dales General Hospital following a short illness. He was born April 21, 1920 in Argyle to Sigmund and Everene (Morrell) Freiburger. He married Jacqueline "Jackie" Sullivan on June 8, 1946 in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sandusky. She died January 17, 2004. Bernard served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in North Africa, Suez Canal, Iran, Scotland, England and Italy. He was in Naples during the invasion of Southern France and was "missing in action" for several months. Bernard and Jackie made their home in Cass City after their wedding. They owned and operated a grocery store and butter creamery with Barney's brother, Alger Freiburger, formerly known as Kinney Grocery & Creamery. He won first place at the State Fair in a butter contest. They closed the business in 1967. Barney managed the Mill End stores in Bad Axe and East Tawas starting in 1968 until his retirement in 1984. Barney was a volunteer fireman from 1946 until 1968. He was a member of the Gavel Club, holding many office positions and he helped build the track at the park. He was a member of the chamber of commerce, serving as president in 1953. Barney was also a member of the Community Club, holding many offices and he was a member of the village council for several terms during which he was responsible for finding the Cass City Dump site. He worked with the village creating Christmas Town. Barney helped create the decorations for downtown and was one of the Three Wise Men in the Christmas pageant. He was a member of the St. Pancratius Church since 1945, serving on the church board and as a volunteer. Barney is survived by his children, Linda (Homer) Bailey, of Cass City, Bernard "Butch" (Joyce) Freiburger, of Lake Orion, and Kurt Freiburger, of Wyoming; grandchildren, Lisa Kamrad, Laura Edwards, Leana Edwards, Scott Freiburger, Jeff Freiburger, Heather Freiburger, Kimberly Freiburger and Christopher Freiburger; great grandchildren, Alexa, Tyler, Kennedy, Makenna, Nicholas and Cassaundra; sister, Patricia Reinelt, of Waterford; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Mabel Babcock, Merwina Volmer, Reeva Byrne, Gertrude Szarapski, Irene Freeman; and a brother, Alger Freiburger. A funeral service will be conducted at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2007, in St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Rev. Stephen J. Fillion officiating. Interment will be in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Marlette. Military honors will be under the direction of Cass City VFW Post No. 3644 and the U.S. Navy. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday in the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Friday in the church. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, or St. Pancratius Catholic Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).