

Billmeier, Charles J.

Charles J. Billmeier, 77, of Sebewaing, died Wednesday morning, May 5, 2004, at his home following a five-year illness. He was born on October 24, 1926 in Saginaw, son of the late Carl and Elsie (Schartow) Billmeier. He was united in marriage to Laura Onalee Waack. Charles was the second owner of Billmeier Jewelry Store in Saginaw which his father started in 1946. Charles entered the business in 1946 and operated it until his retirement in 1987. The jewelry store is now in its fourth generation. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Fountain Hills, Arizona and the Scenic Golf and Country Club in Pigeon. He was an avid golfer, outdoorsman and fisherman. He also served in the Merchant Marines. Surviving are his wife, Laura Onalee; three sons, Mark A. Billmeier and his wife, Marie, of Linwood, Charles J. Billmeier, Jr., of Saginaw, The Rev. Martin Billmeier, of Toledo; two daughters, Andrea Deming and her husband, William, of Portage, Gretchen Sanders and her husband, James, of Clinton Township; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Marjorie Martin and her husband, Dr. Charles, of Perry, Oklahoma, Elise Rossow and her husband, Karl, of East Lansing; and mother of his children, Leila Billmeier, of Linwood; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2004, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing with the Rev. Martin Billmeier officiating. There will be a prayer and committal service at 4 p.m. on Saturday in Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Saginaw. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, from noon to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home in Sebewaing. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Lutheran Child and Family Service.