

Cooke, Ronald

Ronald "Roy" Cooke, 84, of Caseville died Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 8, 2000, at his home while under hospice care. He was born Dec. 24, 1915, in Aberhondda, Wales, and moved to Canada as a child with his parents, the late Frederick and Sarah (Elias) Cooke. In 1920, they moved to the Clinton Township area

north of Detroit. On June 15, 1940, he was united in marriage to Mary Mortimer in Mount Clemens. She preceded him in death in May 1992. Mr. Cooke served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was employed at Chrysler Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1972. He also was employed at St. John's Lutheran Church and school in Fraser for nine years, driving a bus and as custodian. He was a member of Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, the Caseville Eagles, and was a former AAL representative and Eagle Scout. Surviving are two children, Barbara Degg and her husband, Larry, and Walter Cooke and his wife, Mary, both of Caseville; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Juanita Trestrail of Dearborn Heights. He was preceded in death by a son, Fred; and two sisters, Joyce Trestrail and Trese Gonzales. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000, at Cross Lutheran Church. The Rev. Raymond Orth, pastor, will officiate with burial in Cadillac Memorial Garden East. Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville, and after 1 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorials may be given to the church building fund.