

## **Ventline, Mathew**

Mathew Martin Ventline, 89, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. He had lived near the Detroit City Airport 49 years.

"Persons who live and practice truth and charity, love and generosity are a rare breed in today's culture," nephew Fr. Lawrence Ventline said. "He was a listener, sturdy, stable, strong and proactive, knowing how to not react to what others say." Mathew was born November 14, 1912 in Kinde where he was a farmer before moving to Detroit to work for 30 years at the Budd Company. He retired June 1, 1973. Mathew is survived by stepbrothers Leo, Joseph, and Harry Ventline and Edward Leavine; many nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and a grand-nephew. He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes, in January 2002; brothers Peter and John Ventline; half brother Toni Leavine; and half sister, Delores Osantowski. Rite of burial mass was at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002, at St. Josaphat Church in Detroit, with Mathew's nephew, Fr. Lawrence M. Ventline, presiding. "A gentle soul who longed to be with his wife, Agnes, who died two years ago, Uncle Mat was a solid rock Christian - a model example of virtue," Fr. Ventline said. "He will be missed intensely by this guy who could depend on him to be there in a world of instability and greed. Uncle Mat loved."