

Walker, Harry W.

Harry William "Bill" Walker, 79, of Bad Axe, passed away Friday afternoon, May 30, 2003, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. Mr. Walker was born in Detroit on June 2, 1923, son of the late Harry Edward and Margaret Ellen (McLeod) Walker. Bill married Allene Shuart on Oct. 4, 1947 in Owendale. They recently celebrated 55 years of marriage. She survives him. Mr. Walker graduated from Bad Axe High School. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Pennsylvania in the South Pacific during World War II. He retired from the Stein-Walker Paint store after 46 years, which he owned with partner Louis Stein. The Bad Axe Board of Education named Mr. Walker "Friend of Youth" at the Thumb Meet of Champions. He also received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Jaycees. Bill was instrumental in starting the Bad Axe Little League program in the early 1950s. He served as president, manager, umpire and organizer. Bill was former president of the Bad Axe Chamber of Commerce, a past member of the Bad Axe Lion's Club, a member of the Parisville VFW, and an active member of the Ponderosa Hunt Club. Mr. Walker enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting old Ford tractors, spending time with his children and grandchildren, his fish pond and birds. He is survived by his wife, Allene; two sons, Ed Walker and his wife, Nancy, of Bad Axe, Dick Walker and his wife, Louise, of Deckerville; one daughter, Barb Hilborn and her husband, Jim, of Okemos; one brother, Kenneth Walker and his wife Cynthia, of Mount Pleasant; seven grandchildren, Tammy Laskowski and her husband, Shawn, of Bad Axe, Todd and Terri Walker, of Bad Axe, Michelle and Amanda Walker, of Deckerville, Ryan and Kylee Henry, of Okemos; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Melvin and Raymond Walker. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at the Evangel Life Assembly of God Church in Bad Axe. Pastor Robert Smith will officiate. Burial will be at the Colfax Township Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Doug Publitz, Bob McBride, Rich Cook, Don Schelke, Kurt Meyers, Anthony "Herman" Wood and Tom Wood. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 tonight and from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe Little League.