

Taylor, Maurice

Maurice F. Taylor, 79, of Deford died Sunday, April 27, 2002, in Covenant Health Care Cooper in Saginaw. He was born on June 20, 1922, to Howard and Olga (Shagena) Taylor in Denton. He married Dorothy J. Klinkman on Sept. 12, 1942, in South Carolina. Maurice served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He worked as a plumber in Cass City and then as a pipe fitter before retiring from General Motors in 1969 after 20 years. Maurice was a member of Deford Community Church, Cass City VFW Post No. 3644 and the American Legion Post No. 7. He enjoyed traveling, including taking trips to Hawaii and California, fishing trips to Canada and short trips around the Thumb. Maurice enjoyed watching the freighters on the Great Lakes and enjoyed collecting models of the ships. He loved his family, especially spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a very generous man and helped his family in every way he could. Maurice is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children, John Shagena and his wife, Jeanne, of Cass City, Lynn Babich and her husband, Bernie, of Deford, Sue Linderman and her husband, Harvey, of Cass City, the Rev. Lee Taylor and his wife, Kathy, of Whitmore Lake; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Humpert of Cass City; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Genevieve Sheffer and her husband, Everett, of Highpoint, N.C.; sister-in-law, Virginia Taylor of Cottonwood, Calif.; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Larry Shagena in 1970; and a brother, Howard "Joe" Taylor. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May, 1, 2002, at Deford Community Church with the Rev. David Mercer officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Taylor are Ted Linderman, Tim Babich, Jim Thomas, Nathaniel Taylor, Jeremy Taylor, Josh Taylor and honorary pallbearer, Joel Shagena. Visitation is from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the church. Memorials may be made to Deford Community Church.