

Schweitzer, Howard

Howard Schweitzer, 82, of Caseville, died Monday evening, January 5, 2004, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility. He was born February 20, 1921 in Fairhaven Township to the late Arthur and Minnie (Symon) Schweitzer. Howard served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe. Shortly after his return to Bay Port, he established and opened Bay Port Scrape Yard, a business he operated for more than 20 years. During that time he became a commercial fisherman in the waters off of Bay Port. Even after retiring from the fishing industry, he continued fishing. Although his health prevented him from going on the water, he could be found parked next to mud creek tossing a line out the car window. Surviving are three sons, LeRoy and his wife, Arlene, of Sebawaing, Dennis and his wife, Sue, of Bay Port, and Jerry and his wife, Tammy, of Caseville; two daughters, Judith Gravelle and her husband, Robert, of Sterling Heights, and Kay Christner and her husband, Bob, of Imlay City; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; a brother, Gus Schweitzer, of Bay Port; and his sister, Isabelle Herford and her husband, Armond, of Elkton. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Mike Gravelle; a brother, Richard Schweitzer; and a sister, Ruth Cox. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2004, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. The Rev. Alger Lewis will officiate with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and after 10 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials can be given to the Bernie McLeish Memorial Park in Bay Port or the donor's choice.