



**Ernest J. Detgen**, age 85, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI on March 7, 2012.

He was born on December 21, 1926 in Port Hope, Michigan to the late Louis and Mamie (Dobson) Detgen.

Ernest was united in marriage to Norma Jean McDonald. He was a good husband, great dad, fun grandfather and dependable friend.

He served in the U. S. Army during WWII in the Asian Campaign. He owned Detgen Ready Mix in Bad Axe and Mayville, and constructed homes on Beech Street. Ernest knew the value and sanctity of family and instilled a deep sense of love and commitment for this in his children. He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his daughters, Connie and husband, Paul Van Doeselaar of Traverse City and their children, Matthew of Denver, CO, Christina (Jeff) Feeny of Richmond, VA, Bonnie and her husband, John Smendzuik and their children, Michael and Steven of Traverse City; a son, Jim Detgen and his children, Ted from Denver, CO, Branden, Becky, and Tyler of Alva OK; great grandchildren, Rylee and Noah of Alva, OK ; a sister, Darlene Stuart and a brother, Edward (Hilda) Detgen of Bad Axe; several nieces and nephews.

Ernest was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Jean (McDonald) Detgen; two sisters, Helen (John) Kautz and Evelyn (Bob) Penfold and one infant brother, Vern Detgen.