

## **Mayes, Edwin H.**

Edwin H. Mayes, 74, of Port Austin, died peacefully at Sparrow Hospice of Mid-Michigan in Lansing on Sunday, February 19, 2006. He was born in Port Austin to Edwin E. and Lucy (Goretski) Mayes. He married Jane M. Engemann on October 12, 1957 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Belding. They have three children, Dr. Carrie A. Mayes, of Traverse City, Jill M. Mayes (Paul M. Grippo) of Bedford, New Hampshire, and Jon E. Mayes (Teresa M. Donahue) of Okemos. Their grandchildren are Lucy M. Grippo, Edwin J. Mayes, Maxine M. Grippo, Haley M. Mayes, Henry M. Grippo and Ellen J. Mayes. Ed graduated from Port Austin High School and attended Eastern Michigan University before serving in the U.S. Air Force in England. He and his brother, Raymond J. Mayes, owned and operated Winders Products Company, where they manufactured spirit level vials. Ed was a caring husband, father and grandfather. His daughter-in-law and son-in-law were like his own, and his friendships were long-standing. Over the years, he raised various hunting dogs and since 1975, he raised Standardbred horses, which were trained and driven by his nephew, Jim Mayes' stable at Leslie. His small farm produced a world champion trotter and a multiple futurity-winning pacer. A lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, he had served on the parish council. Ed also served his community as Port Austin Township treasurer and as a Port Austin village council member. He was a long-standing member of the Port Austin Lions Club. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jane; his children and grandchildren; his sister, Venice (Philip) Finan; his brother, Raymond, and his wife, Lynne (Schumacher); brother-in-law, Marcus Flannery, of Bad Axe; and sister-in-law, Sally Mayes, of Mount Pleasant. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harold, and his wife, Betty (McCrea); a sister, Theresa (Marcus) Flannery; brother-in-law, Philip Finan; and daughter, Mary Ann; and brother, Carl, and his son, David. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2006, at St. Michael's Church in Port Austin. Burial is in the church cemetery with the Rev. Robert Paré presiding. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday at the church. There will be a vigil service at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, Scheurer Hospital, American Cancer Society, or Hospice of Mid-Michigan.