

Betson, Robert

Robert A. Betson, 77, of Unionville, died early Sunday morning, April 20, 2003, at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born on Feb. 16, 1926 in Fort Wayne, Ind., son of the late Aloysius P. and Irene (Pessfall) Betson. He was united in marriage to Rose Marie Charette on Sept. 23, 1950 in Detroit. He was a decorated veteran serving in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the purple heart. Bob had owned and operated a Marathon Gas Station in Lake Orion for 20 years before moving to Sebewaing in 1969. He then had been employed at the former Sebewaing Industries for 15 years before retiring 10 years ago. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Sebewaing. He also was a member of the Fairgrove V.F.W. Post No. 7486. He enjoyed working in his yard, bowling and deer hunting. He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie; two daughters and two sons, Judith A. Blount and her husband, Robert, Thomas J. Betson and his wife, Nancy, all of Sebewaing, Robert J. Betson and his wife, Danielle, Lynn M. Hemerline and her husband, Olin, all of Unionville; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sisters, Mary Lou Phillips of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Richard Betson of Southfield; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon T. Betson; and one brother, James Betson. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. Fr. George Serour will officiate with cremation to follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City with inurnment to take place in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Sebewaing. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. tonight, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or the charity of the donor's choice.