

Horton, Clarence

Clarence W. Horton, 85, of Port Mansfield, Texas passed away Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001, at River Bend of Grand Blanc. He was born on May 18, 1916, son of the late Clarence W. and Edna Mae (Comings) Horton. He was raised in Caseville and worked on the family farm. On July 20, 1940, he was united in marriage to Kathleen C. Leneway in Caseville. She preceded him in death on June 19, 2001. Mr. Horton served with the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a commercial fisherman for several years, working in Caseville with the Gillingham Fish Company. He also did carpentry work in Caseville and built many homes after moving to Utica in the 1950's. Upon his retirement, he and his wife began building Horton's Patio Furniture, which can be found in many towns in southern Texas. Mr. Horton was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6719 in Raymondville, Texas, as well as a former member of the American Legion Caseville Jean Post 543. He is survived by a daughter, Mary Louise LaLonde and her husband, Keith, of Kalkaska; two sons, Wilmont L. Horton and his wife, Shirley, of Auburn Hills and Peter J. Horton and his wife, Dawn, of Burton; four grandsons, Keith LaLonde and his wife, Tamara, Mike LaLonde and his wife, Vicki, Shane Horton, and Tony Horton; four great-grandchildren, Travis LaLonde, Rachel LaLonde, Kathleen LaLonde, and Alyssa Cathleen Horton; four sisters, Marie MaLone of Blue Springs, Mo., Madilene Marks of Lapeer, Donna Bell Messing and her husband, Clem, of Ruth, and Ula Rae Messing and her husband, James, of Hudson, Fla.; a brother, Larry D. Horton of Grand Haven; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Eva Moore and Thelma Arntz; and two brothers, Lewis Horton and George Emerson Horton. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon, with Elder Truman Horton officiating. Burial will be in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and from 9 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.