

**Taylor, Roy T.**

Roy T. Taylor, 77, of Schoolcraft, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at Rose Arbor Hospice in Kalamazoo. Roy was born February 24, 1927 in Mt. Clemens, the oldest child of Roy and Ellen (Jacobson) Taylor, and grew up on the family farm in Romeo. He graduated from Romeo High School in 1944 and was attending Michigan State University when he was drafted in 1945. He faithfully served his country, being stationed in Italy as a member of the Blue Devil Division. He married Barbara Carter on September 15, 1951 and they raised four children. Before moving to Schoolcraft in 1994, he and Barbara lived in Rochester, Pigeon and Capac. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Roy loved to laugh and tell jokes. He enjoyed John Wayne western movies, Louie L'amor novels, gardening, fishing and the Detroit Tigers. He was a member of the Schoolcraft United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Barbara; children, Anne O'Donnell and her husband, Michael, of Columbus, Michigan, John Taylor and his wife, Carrie, of Chugiak, Alaska., Katherine Taylor, of Portage, Martha Taylor, of Kalamazoo; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Marilyn Cunningham, of Lawton, Barbara Dehn and her husband, Roger, of South Haven, and Carol Jean Hutchison and her friend, Ron Beck, of Lawton. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at the Schoolcraft United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, and from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Rupert, Durham, Marshall & Gren Life Story Funeral Home in Vicksburg. Burial will be at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Rose Arbor Hospice.