

Whitaker, Howard J.

Howard James "Jim" Whitaker, 84, of Port Austin Township, died Tuesday, August 24, 2004, at his home. Jim was born on October 24, 1920 in Ecorse, son of the late Otto and Amanda (Reynolds) Whitaker. He and Elaine Plichta were married on January 16, 1942 at St. Paul the Apostle Lutheran Church in Detroit. Jim was a resident of the Port Austin area for over 30 years. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and teasing friends and family. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; three children, Barbara Burke and her husband, Earl, of Harbor Beach, Howard Whitaker and his wife, Ryna, of Redford, and Bruce Whitaker and his wife, Denise, of Livonia; nine grandchildren, Ronald, Elaine, Amanda, Patricia, Carrie, Howard, Sarah, Jessica, and Daniel; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Evelyn Smith, of Wayne; two nieces, Sharon Duka and her husband, Nick, and Marjorie Mears; a nephew, Ronald Whitaker and his wife, Joan; dear friends, Gernith Janos, of Port Austin and Sarah Raupp, of Taylor. Jim was preceded in death by an infant son; four brothers, Raymond, Chester, Byron, and George Whitaker. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2004, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde. The Rev. Dave Putz will officiate. A private burial service will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Morley. Visitation will be conducted from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at the church.