

## **Donohue, John**

John C. Donohue, 79, passed away at his home on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, with his wife at his side. He was born March 16, 1922, to the late John and Eleanor (Cook) Donohue in Detroit. On Feb. 23, 1952, he was united in marriage to Shirley Sluiter at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Detroit. Jack began his career in real estate and city service in 1944 as a clerk for the Michigan Employment Security Commission in Detroit. In 1951, he also became an associate broker and agent for Legion Realty in Roseville. In 1960, he put his real estate license in escrow in order to devote more time to his growing family. As a 32-year resident of Roseville, he was an active supporter of the Brabiec High School Band Boosters and the Diplomat Drum and Bugle Corp. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Roseville Planning Commission. He and his wife of 49 years, Shirley, were also active with sacramental marriage encounter and were featured as "rookie" speakers at a national convention in Michigan. Jack retired from MESC in January 1986 as the director of field operations and received many commendations, which include one from Secretary of State Candice S. Miller as notary to Huron County, U.S. Army recruiting, Service Employees International Union, International Association of Personnel Employee Security, U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employee Service, United Auto Workers Award from President Owen Bieber and a 40 Years Commendation from MESC. In September of 1987, he retired with his wife to the shores of Lake Huron near Port Austin. He began a new career as an associate broker for Huron Realty in Port Austin and then at Huron Realty in Bad Axe. He had the distinction of holding the oldest real estate license in Huron County. During his 14 years as a Port Austin resident he was active in politics as a member of the Huron Township board of review and the zoning board of appeals. He was especially noted, to the entertainment of many, for his "letters to the editor" in the Huron Daily Tribune. His favorite hobbies were golf and real estate. Surviving are his wife, Shirley; his daughter, Karen Gasparovich and her husband Don of Detroit; three sons, Gary and his wife, Carol, of Cadillac, Kevin and his wife, Sharon, of Utica, Dennis and his wife, Elaine, of Washington Township; nine grandchildren, Lindsay and T.J. Gasparovich, Bill Lerner, Jenny, Jason, Bryan, Brandon, Jonathan, and Kerri Donohue; one great-grandson, Daron Donohue; his in-laws, George Klenner, Bob and Phyllis Flynn, and Mike and Linda Sluiter; many loving nieces and nephews and dear friends. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Peggy Richardson and Noreen Klenner. A funeral mass will be conducted 11 am. on Monday, May 21, 2001, at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville. The Rev. Fr. John Weis will officiate with interment at Resurrection Cemetery. A scripture service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home and after 10 a.m. on Monday at the church. Memorials may be given to the Capuchins in Detroit.