

ANTON PRILF

1915 - 1996

Anton Prilf, 81, who became a U.S. citizen in 1957 after 46 years as a "man without a country," passed away Thursday, Aug. 15, at Hills and Dunes Hospital, Cass City. He had been visiting, driving in the Cass City area, when he was stricken with a heart attack.

Mr. Prilf achieved one of his great goals in life earlier, with the combined help of many friends in his adopted town. Secowang, he took his oath to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution in Detroit Federal Building on March 16, 1957.

He was born in Yugoslavia on July 24, 1915, the son of Nicholas and Wina (Kolling) Prilf. On Nov. 11, 1940, he was united in marriage with Elisabeth Schwartz in Stephansfeld, Yugoslavia, and she survives him.

Mr. Prilf fled Yugoslavia during the Communist takeover, moving first to Germany, and then to Detroit in 1957. He worked in the tool and die industry in Detroit until his retirement to Secowang in the late '70s.

Surviving him, besides his wife Elisabeth are two daughters, Barbara (Dean) Richardson of El Paso, TX, and Lisa (Chuck) Seylerth of Howell, seven grandchildren, Charmaine, Sonya, Jean, Dennis, Toni, Crystal and Charles, seven great-grandchildren, two brothers, Herman and Joseph Prilf, both in Germany, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, in Dimeo-Jungel Funeral Home, Secowang, with Father George Sarour, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church, Secowang, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Michigan Heart Association or American Lung Association.