

Kimmel, Charles J.

Charles J. Kimmel, age 87, of Elkton, left his earthly home and entered into eternal rest on Friday morning, May 14, 2004, at his home. He was born December 23, 1916 in Detroit to the late Charles and Anna (Grimshaw) Kimmel, Sr. After high school, Chuck started working at R. P. Scherer Corporation; in 1942, he was inducted into the Army Air Force and served in Europe during WW II. When he returned home, he continued with his job at R. P. Scherer, retiring in December of 1976 as a supervisor with 42 years of service. On December 9, 1966, he was united in marriage to June E. (Osborne) McBride in Pontiac. They moved to Chandler Township, north of Elkton, shortly after he retired in 1976, and then into Elkton in the late 1980s. June preceded him in death on March 29, 1999.

Chuck was still very ambitious and became the first greeter at Wal-Mart when it opened in Bad Axe, retiring several years later. Charles liked to read, tend to the flowers and birds, and to be in the company of his family and friends. He especially enjoyed the presence of his children. He had a grand sense of humor and an ever-present twinkle in his eyes. Chuck was a member of the Community Wesleyan Church, Elkton, a long-time member of the Harper Woods VFW Post 6784 and more recently of the Carpenter-Dorsch VFW Post 6013, Elkton. He was also a proud supporter of the WW II Veterans Memorial at Washington D.C.

Beloved and devoted father and grandfather, he is survived by 11 children; four sons, Daniel Kimmel, of Mt. Clemens, Charles Kimmel and wife, Janice, of Midland, James McBride, and wife, Patricia, of Gaylord, and Dennis McBride, of Gotts Corner; seven daughters, Sandra Calvert and her husband, Chuck, of Median, Ohio, Susan Farwell, of Mt. Clemens, Sherri Miglio and her husband, Mark, of Burleson, Texas, Jeri Hill and her husband, Thomas, of Clarkston, Kim Cregeur of Deland, Florida, Karin Cook and her husband, David, of Elkton, and Kelly King and her husband, David, of Gaylord; 20 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his brother, Frank Kimmel, of Waterford; his sister, Grace Kennedy, of Clarkston; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were a brother, Lester, and three sisters, Eleanor Bowler, Marion Fauss and Shirley Hill. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 2004, at the Community Wesleyan Church, Elkton. The Rev. Deweerd Smith, pastor, will officiate with burial in Grandlawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Visitation will be at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, from 2 to 9 p.m. today, and at the church after 10 a.m. on Monday. Memorials may be given to the Community Wesleyan Church or the HDC Senior Sunshine Club. Words of condolence may be sent to www.champagnefuneralchapel.com.