

Engler, Otto

Otto William Engler, 80, resident of Bad Axe, died Friday, July 4, 2003, at his home. He was born in Bad Axe on March 18, 1923 to the late Hans and Lousie (Zebell) Engler. He married Stella Krolikowski on April 14, 1945. She preceded him in death. Otto was an aviation mechanic for many years. He was the airport manager at Huron Memorial Airport. He owned Engler Aero Marine for 20 years. He also worked as a farmer, a machinist for Red Martin and a welder at Bomers'. Mr. Engler was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Bad Axe. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of Huron Aviation, the Ugly Fox Hunter's Club, and the Civil Air Patrol. Otto was one of the founders of Huron Aviation, which is now Huron County Memorial Airport. He retired in 1976. Otto is survived by four daughters, Nancy Quirk and her husband, Richard, of Palm Harbor, Fla., Louise Nyquist and her husband, Steve, of St. Paul, Minn., Jeannie Serching, of Kingston, N.Y., Cathy Ozorowicz and her husband, Andrew, of Cass City; seven sons, Alan Engler and his wife, Ellen, of Bad Axe, William Engler, of Fillion, Eric Engler and his wife, Linda, of Cass City, Brian Engler, of Bad Axe, Herb Engler, of Bad Axe, Andrew Engler, of Bad Axe, and Edward Engler, of Farmington Hills; one brother, Fritz Engler and his wife, Beatrice, of Saginaw; two sisters, Anita Pagels, of Kenosha, Ill., Erna Ritter, of Bad Axe; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Engler; a brother, Robert Engler; and an infant grandchild. Funeral services will take place Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. The Rev. Kenneth Lueke will officiate. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to Our Savior Lutheran Church building fund.