

JEAN M. CHAREST

1921 - 1996

Jean M. Charest, 75 of Elkton, passed away Monday, Jan. 22 at Four Seasons Health Care Center, Bad Axe.

He was born June 10, 1921 in Ottawa, Ontario to the late Emile and Annette (Vezina) Charest. On April 6, 1974, he was united in marriage to Gertrude M. Penier in Ottawa.

Mr. Charest moved to New York City as a child and to Michigan in 1972. He retired from the Elkton Co-op Farm Produce Co. in July 1983, where he served as management consultant. He also had a column, "The Kitchen Mouse," that appeared in the Huron Daily Tribune for more than 10 years.

He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, and a past president of the Elkton Rotary Club and served in both the Royal Canadian Army and the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in the United Kingdom and continental Europe. He also loved to cook and his secret sauce is still used at local chicken barbeques.

Surviving are his wife Gertrude; five sons, Geoffrey (Claudia) of Little Silver, Nev., Peter (Brenda) of Belleville, Ill., Christopher (Claudia) of Bay Port, N.Y., Marc (Marianne) of Seyville, N.Y., Andre (Sue) of Williamsburg, Va.; a daughter, Margaret Coleman of Manhattan, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; three brothers, George Charest of Yorba Linda, Ca., Paul (Rose Mary) Charest and James Charest, both of Ocala, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Germaine Woelfert.

A scripture service was held Thursday, Jan. 25 at Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa, Ont.