

### **Platte Jr., Fred J.**

Fred J. Platte, Jr., 83, of Harbor Beach, passed away on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Born in Detroit on July 3, 1922, he was the eldest child of the late Fred and Rose (Demarce) Platte, Sr. Fred was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II serving as a Tech. Sergeant in charge of operating rooms. On May 21, 1949, he married Nora Timreck in Grosse Pointe. She preceded him in death on March 7, 1992. On April 20, 1996, Fred and Eleanor Schumacher were united in marriage in Harbor Beach. Fred was a retired employee of the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn retiring in 1980 after working for 40 years in administration. He was a graduate of St. Gertrude's High School in St. Clair Shores, where he served as altar boy and played football for four years. He was a former usher at St. Pious V and a member of the American Legion in St. Helen. Fred was an active member at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach, where he served as Eucharist minister. Fred was past president, secretary and treasurer of the Ford OldTimers Club as well as secretary of the golf and bowling leagues. He enjoyed traveling to Europe, Hawaii, and Arizona. Surviving are his wife, Eleanor Platte, of Harbor Beach; daughter, Carol Ann Martin and her husband, Randy, of Glendale, Arizona; two granddaughters, Laura and Sarah; sister, Rosemary Dunbar, of Traverse City; three brothers, George Platte and his wife, Gloria, of Traverse City, Bill Platte, of Weimar, California, and Joseph Platte, of Claremont California. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom and Robert Platte. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach with Fr. T.J. Fleming, pastor, presiding. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City and interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery in Port Hope with military honors. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach and from noon until the time of services on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be given to Harbor Beach Hospital or OLLH church or school.