

## **Willis Martin "Bill" Hengy**

Willis Martin "Bill" Hengy, 77, of Caseville, passed away Monday, Aug. 25, 2008 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

He was born in Detroit on Jan. 5, 1931, and was the son of the late Willis A. and Melrine (Elles) Hengy. He graduated from Ohio State University and served with the U.S. Air Force in Korea as a Russian translator and also in Japan during the Korean Conflict.

On June 25, 1955 he was united in marriage to Joanne E. Russell in Midland. She preceded him in death on April 1, 2004.

Bill owned the Hengy Ford dealership in Pigeon for 25 years, and was owner of Pigeon Telephone Company for awhile. In the mid 1970's he and Joanne started Michigan Directory Company, and were extremely involved in the National yellow Page recycling project before its time. He also served on the National Yellow Page Association board of directors. Along with his son, Bill started the Caseville Resort and Marina.

Bill was a member of the Caseville Village Council, and had been chairman of the police and finance committees, was involved with the Caseville Township water agreement negotiations, and was a representative on Caseville's city quest project, as well as serving on the tennis court improvement project.

Bill loved to golf, had a wonderful sense of humor and wit, was community-oriented, and was known as a problem solver.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan Hengy of Boca Raton, Florida; a son, Bill Hengy, Jr. of Caseville; three grandchildren, Shar (Jason) Mohr, Willis K. Hengy, and Samantha Stowe; two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Carter Mohr; and a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Frank Stawara of Vero Beach, Fla. Cremation has taken place. A graveside committal service will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 1, 2008 at the Caseville Township Cemetery, with the Rev. Fr. Kenneth Yaroch officiating.

Visitation will be at 10:30 a.m. prior to the service at 11 a.m. on Monday morning at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.