

## **Doyle, Oren E.**

Oren E. "Pat" Doyle, 93, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2005, in Sun City, Arizona following a brief illness. He was born July 13, 1912 in Grindstone City, son of Earl Patrick Doyle and Adelaide Everingham and grandson of the late John Doyle of Dublin, Ireland. His father was then a surfman in the Life Saving Service, one of the predecessors of the Coast Guard. He married Bernice Clara Schlichting in Port Huron on December 28, 1939. Pat graduated from Port Hope High School, attended Eastern Michigan College, and taught a one room school in Huron County in the 1930s. He was the first father drafted from the Detroit area in World War II and served as a radar man aboard the USS Conklin (DDE 439) in the Pacific theater. He joined National Manufacturing Company of Sterling, Illinois in 1946 as a sales representative ("drummer" he said), and moved to Caro in 1950 "to be nearer to the center of the territory." In Caro, he was a member of the session of the First Presbyterian Church and of its choir. He retired in 1977 after 31 years with National Manufacturing Company. An athlete and accomplished wing shot in his youth, sometime yachtsman in maturity, and lifelong avid golfer, he re-moved to Arizona in retirement where the golf courses, unlike Michigan's, are open year round. He was still "shooting his age" in his late 80s until the adverse effect of a surgical procedure on his "long game" led him to put up his clubs saying he had no regrets as he had "had the best of it." He is survived by his wife, Bernice; four children, Glenn and his wife, Mona, of Empire, Allan, of Seattle, Washington, Mary and Kathleen of Phoenix, Arizona; sister, Esther "Mrs. James" Dollefeld, of Sun City West, Arizona; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Virginia, Earline and Cheryl. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to donor's favorite charity.