Lilla, Gerald E.

Gerald E. Lilla age 76 of Harbor Beach passed away Sunday, February 18, 2007 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital following a brief battle with cancer. Born in Detroit, Mi on October 18, 1930, he was the son of the late August and Rose (Ficht) Lilla. Gerald was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the US Air Force. He was a retired employee of the National Broach Co. in Detroit retiring in 1987 after working for over 30 years. On September 22, 1979, Gerald and Rose Schick were united in marriage in Fraser, MI. He was a parishioner of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach . Gerald enjoyed music especially Jazz and enjoyed watching sports including University of Michigan teams and helped keep stats for the Harbor Beach JV Football team. He loved to golf and be involved in political discussions. He loved the Harbor Beach area so much that he retired to the shores of Lake Huron near town. His moment of fame came in high school when he pitched a no hitter during a CYO game. Gerald is survived by his wife Rose Lilla of Harbor Beach. A daughter Anne Lilla of Mt Clemens and a son Mark Lilla of New York; 3 step children: Robert Nowicki of Warren, Joseph Nowicki of Ohio and Colette McMichael of Lansing: 10 grandchildren and. 2 brothers: Thomas (Noreen) Lilla of Warren and Richard (Lois) Lilla of AZ. Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 330 pm in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach with Fr. T.J. Fleming officiating. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Visistation will be on Tuesday from 1PM to the time of services at 2pm. Memorials may be given to the U of M Oncology or to the donors choice.