

Klaska, Chester E.

Chester E. Klaska , 84, of Harbor Beach, passed away Thursday, Dec.31, 2009 at Co u r t n e y Manor Nursing Center of Bad Axe.

He was born on Feb. 23, 1925 in Harbor Beach to the late Walter and Anna (Kochneider) Klaska. Chester and Donna Teschendorf were married on Jan. 25, 1947, and she preceded him in death on Apr. 2, 1969. On Sept. 5, 1970, Chester and Eloise Hansky were united in marriage. She preceded him in death on Oct. 18, 2001.

Chester worked for Hercules for 30 years, retiring in 1979. Chester served in World War II, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division for the U.S. Army. He was involved in many battles in Europe. He was a member of the American Legion Post 197 of Harbor Beach.

Chester is survived by his children, Loudie Reyes of Sterling Heights, Mark (Shirley) Klaska of Bad Axe, Jean Green of Harbor Beach, Doris (Thomas) McCormick of St. Clair, Chester (Lori) Klaska of Palms, and Kim (Diane) Klaska of Harbor Beach; step children Richard (Cathy) Klaski of Arizona and John (Kathy) Klaski of Arizona; 32 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna, and his wife, Eloise; step children, Roger Leppeck and Judy Leppeck; brothers, Ed Klaska and Charles Klaska; sisters, Bea Skrent and Sylvia Derocha.

Funeral Services for Chester will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc. of Harbor Beach, with Claudia Miller officiating. Burial will follow in the OLLH Church Cemetery. Visitation for Chester will be 10 a.m. Tuesday until time of services.