

**White, William J.**

William J. White, 89, of Harbor Beach, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2005, at the long term care unit of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born in Detroit on October 12, 1916, he was the son of the late Henry and Francis Wojtalewicz. Bill was a retired employee of Hercules, Inc., of Harbor Beach, retiring as a project engineer after 44 years. On May 6, 1939, Bill and Grace Laskey were united in marriage in Harbor Beach. He was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church and was an usher and was a former coach for various sports at OLLH School. Bill was a former Little League coach. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting and fishing and baseball. He and Grace were members of the former Square Dance Club. Bill was a long-time donor of the American Red Cross Blood Program receiving many gold pins for donating. Surviving are his wife, Grace White, of Harbor Beach, and their children, William D. White, of Harbor Beach, Jody Brett and her husband, William, of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Barbara Ayotte and her husband, John, of Harbor Beach, and John White and his wife, Laurie, of Bad Axe; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Stanley White, of Dunedin, Florida. Bill was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph White. A Funeral Mass for William White will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach with Fr. T.J. Fleming, pastor, presiding. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A parish vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be given to OLLH Church or School or the American Red Cross.