

Callender, Earnest G.

Earnest G. "Ernie" Callender, 87, of West Bloomfield passed away Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 at Huron Valley Hospital in West Bloomfield.

He was born on Dec. 2, 1922 in Pontiac to the late Millard and Mildred (Wright) Callender.

Ernie and Norma Schubring were united in marriage on Jan. 19, 1946 in Port Hope.

Ernie served in the U.S. Army during World War II, he saw action in the Normandy Campaign, Northern France Campaign, Southern France Campaign and the Rhineland Campaign. He received the purple heart for his service.

He enjoyed woodworking, dancing, fishing and bingo with his wife. He enjoyed his family very much. Ernie was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Waterford.

Ernie is survived by his wife Norma of West Bloomfield, daughter Linda Finkel and her husband, Don, of Port Hope, son Michael Callender and his wife, Cheryl, of White Lake; daughter-in-law, Deanna Callender of North Carolina; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Doris Callender of Aurora, Colo.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Callender; grandson, Don Finkel Jr.; great-granddaughter, Rebekah Finkel; and brothers, Delbert Callender and Robert Callender.

Funeral services for Ernie will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010 in the St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, with the Rev. Greg Eilers officiating and the Rev. Merrill of Peace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery.

Visitation for Ernie will be Monday, Feb. 15, 2010 from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach and beginning at noon until time of services at 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the church. A scripture service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.