

Cottick, Thomas

Thomas Cottick, 84, of Caseville, died Monday morning, May 19, 2003, at Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. He was born on April 24, 1919 in Manitoba, Canada to the late Stanley and Molly (Godick) Cottick and moved from Canada to Detroit in his youth and then to Bad Axe in the early thirties. On May 21, 1945, he was united in marriage to Ann J. Danyluk in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Marines as a Sergeant during World War II. He was wounded while serving in the South Pacific, Iwo Jima and Saipan and received three silver stars and two purple hearts for his heroic part in those battles. After the service, he worked for the Huron Daily Tribune as a typesetter for several years. In 1948, he worked as a service and parts manager for Bulen Motors in Cass City until 1957. At that time, he came to Caseville where he was a land developer, real estate agent and contractor, retiring in 1982 for health reasons. He was a past member of the Caseville American Legion, the Tip of the Thumb VFW, and he always attended the fourth Marine Division reunions and was a big supporter of the Military and Space Museum in Frankenmuth where some of his memorabilia is on display. He is survived by his wife, Ann; his son, John Cottick and his wife, Colleen, of Caseville; one daughter, Linda Bukoski and her husband, Thomas, of Uby; five grandchildren, Billie Lynn, Connie, Clint, Colby and Jamie; four great-grandchildren, Keagan, Jeffery, Mikukla and Lauren; one brother, Steve Cottick and his wife, Sylvia, of Caseville; and one sister, Mary Gershtenslager and her husband, Harold, of McMinnville, Tenn.. A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2003, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Military and Space Museum of Frankenmuth. Friends may sign the guest book at www.CFCcaseville.com.