

Karafa, Al

Al (Koch) Karafa, 67, of Oak Beach succumbed to a long illness Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at Bay Medical Center in Bay City. He was born on Aug. 5, 1932, in Detroit, son of the late Albert and Stefania (Lewicki) Karafa. He and Maryann (Berezik) were married on May 14, 1955, at St. Cyril's and Methodius Catholic Church in Detroit. Al, Maryann and their family quietly celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on May 14, 2000. Al and Maryann owned and operated Hiawatha Trailer Park in Oak Beach. He served in the Korean Conflict and was honored with two bronze service stars and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Al was an avid golfer, active in the Boy Scouts of America, and he was a semi-pro bowler. He is survived by his wife, Maryann; three children, Dennis Karafa of Port Austin, Paula Karafa Spencer and her husband, Michael, of Lake Orion, and Allan Karafa of Rochester; five grandchildren, Michael and Ana Spencer, Christopher Karafa, and Jolene and Charles Karafa; his brother, Robert Karafa and his wife, Karen; his sister, Marlene D'Hulster and her husband, George; his brother-in-law, Phil Berezik and his wife, Elizabeth; two sisters-in-law, Gerry Berezik and Susan Tomon and her husband, Max; 12 nieces and nephews; and nine great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Phil and Ann Berezik; and three nephews. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Msgr. Francis Murray will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A parish scripture service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. Visitation will be 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church.