

Earl A. Gougeon



Earl A. Gougeon, 98, passed away Aug. 29, 2011 in Mt. Dora, Fla.

He was born in Bay City on Sept. 8, 1912.

He worked for the Detroit Board of Education for 38 years and retired in 1974. Earl was active in the various Catholic parishes he belonged to including St. Elizabeth, Wyandotte, Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach and St. Patrick in Mt. Dora, Fla. He possessed a strong faith and in his last years prayed for family and friends with dedication. Many friends requested his attention to their concerns and he happily lifted them to God. He passed peacefully at home in Mt. Dora surrounded by his two daughters, his granddaughter Jessica and beloved friend Tuyet Nguyen.

He is survived by his children, Bernard A. (Joan) Gougeon, Michael E. (Karren) Gougeon, Cecilia Gougeon Swanger, Virginia E. Gougeon; grandchildren, Michael Gougeon, James (Dorine) Gougeon, Charles Gougeon, Janet Gougeon, Christine Gougeon, Elizabeth Anne (Patrick) Ostrowski, Monica (Nat) Keen, Timothy (Linya) Gougeon, Audrey (Tom) Jabbora, Valerie (Darrin) Feller, Eric Swanger and Jessica Swanger; also 16 great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Patrick Church, Mt. Dora on what would have been his 99th birthday, Sept. 8, 2011.