

Fritz, Willard K.

Willard K. Fritz, 79, of Betmar, Zephyrhills, Fla., passed away Friday, Feb. 22, 2008.

He was born June 26, 1928 in Owendale, the son of Charles and Louise Fritz. He worked in Detroit and was formerly of Kinde, before moving to Zephyrhills, Fla. 14 years ago. He was lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce E. Fritz; his daughters, Carol (Richard) Rush of Shelby Township, Diane Patterson of Lake Wales, Fla., and Kathleen (Tim) Fisher of Filion; siblings, Vernita Schuster, Leonard Fritz, Aldine Ewald, Luella Ewald, Matt Fritz and Richard Fritz, all of Michigan; six grandchildren, David and Darran Patterson, Kristy Phillips and Lisa Fisher, Melissa and Richard Rush; eight great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers, Norman, Otis, Wallace and Calvin Fritz.

Services were conducted in Zephyrhills, Fla. with inurnment at a later date in Colfax, Bad Axe.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing.

Arrangements were handled by Hodges Family Funeral Home in Zephyrhills, Fla.