

Stiphany, Rudy

Rudy Stiphany, 87, formerly of Harbor Beach, passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2003, in University Hospital, Tampa, Fla. Born in Grand Haven on Dec. 1, 1915, he was the son of the late Rudolph and Josephine Stiphany. Rudy was in the U.S. Coast Guard for 22 years and was a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service. While stationed in Harbor Beach, Rudy met his future wife of 56 years, Helen O'Neil. They were united in marriage on Oct. 29, 1927 in Frankfort. She preceded him in death on Dec. 6, 1993. Rudy is survived by his children, Gary Stiphany and his wife, Susan, of Miami, Fla., Jenny Lee Hillenbrand and her husband, Tom, of Janesville, Wis., Coleen Kopp and her husband, Ed, of Kentwood, Kathleen Stackpoole and her husband, Jim, of Lutz, Fla., Marlene Dorman and her husband, Bruce, of Big Rapids; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas Hillenbrand; two brothers, Fred and John; and by three sisters, Josephine, Rose and Ann. A memorial mass will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2003, in Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach with interment in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. Military graveside services will be conducted by the VFW Post of Harbor Beach.