

### **Connors, Mark J.**

Mark J. Connors, 80, long time resident of Bad Axe, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 7, 2007, with his family by his side. He was born February 14, 1926 to the late John and Mayme (Mitchel) Connors. He was united in marriage with Helen Weiss on September 3, 1949. Mark will be remembered by the family he loved as a caring and compassionate husband, father and grandfather. His many friends will remember Mark as a consummate gentleman with one of the smoothest golf swings ever to grace the fairways of Verona Hills and countless other golf links. Mr. Connors graduated from Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School in 1944. He was a veteran of World War II in the U.S. Army. He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for bravery. He was retired from the U.S. Postal services after 44 years. Mark coached varsity golf at Bad Axe High School and Little League baseball. He was a member at Knights of Columbus and the Verona Hills Golf Club where he was on the Board of Directors. In 1953 he was the Verona Hills Golf Club Champion and three-time Senior Club Champion which bears his father's name. He was a church member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe where he was an usher, participated in the choir, taught catechism and played basketball. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Bad Axe; four sons, Greg (Beth) Connors, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Scott Connors, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jeff Connors, of Bad Axe, and Kelly (Sharon) Connors, of Fenton; one daughter, Wendy (Lee) Gettel, of Pigeon; one brother, Jack Connors, of Bay City; two sisters, Lea Meinhold, of Bad Axe, and Ellen Palm, of Gaylord; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, D.J. Connors; and two sisters, Jean McBride and Bertha Sieman. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. today at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. There will be a scripture at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.