

# HOWARD WILLS

## 1925 - 1993

Former Harbor Beach resident Howard L. Wills, 67 of Caseville, passed away Friday, March 12 in the Largo Medical Center in Largo, FL after a short illness.

He was born Aug. 10, 1925 in Bad Axe, son of the late Fred and Hazel (Thorpe) Wills.

He married Mary Plaff on May 26, 1951 in Bad Axe. She preceded him in death on April 5, 1981.

He married Shirley J. (Stocks) House on March 27, 1982 in Bad Axe.

Mr. Wills was a 1945 Bad Axe High School graduate and a member of the American Legion Buthane-Hagedorn Post in Harbor Beach. He was also a member of the Tyler Lodge #317 F&AM of Cass City.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe. He was a Sheridan Township farmer and was employed by Nestle's Co. in Ubyly and NutraSweet in Harbor Beach, retiring in 1986. Mr. Wills was a Navy veteran, having served in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

Surviving him are his wife, Shirley; one son, Terry of Chicago; one daughter, Marlene Rivas of Bay City; two grandchildren; two stepsons, Robert (Vinessa) Minard of Hamtramck and Dennis (Judy) Minard of St. Clair Shores; five stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Ila Hagen.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Cremation took place in Florida. The MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe handled local arrangements.