

Rutledge Jr., Richard

Richard A. Rutledge, Jr., 93, a former long-time resident of Detroit, Frankenmuth and Mt. Clemens, died peacefully Sunday evening, Sept. 1, 2002, in Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Township. Richard was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on Oct. 22, 1908, a son of the late Richard and Agnes (Aiken) Rutledge. He immigrated to Canada on April 25, 1926, with his parents and four siblings and eventually came to the USA, becoming a citizen and living in Detroit. He was united in marriage to his wife, Elizabeth McKinlay, on Dec. 31, 1929, in the Rutledge home in Detroit. The couple made their home in Detroit until 1953, when they moved to Mt. Clemens until 1970. They moved to Frankenmuth and then to Fraser in 1993. The couple loved their property at Lighthouse Park in the Thumb area. Richard was a charter member of the American Lutheran Church of Mt. Clemens, served as chief and deputy royal chief of the Scottish Clan Mackenzie, the highest honor bestowed on a clansman. He was a member of the Bridgeport Masonic Lodge. Richard retired in 1975 from the R.C. Mahon Co. of Warren where he had worked for 48 years as a supervisor. He taught the sheet metal layout trade in the evenings at Fitzgerald High School in Warren for many years. Richard is survived by his devoted wife, Elizabeth; his loving children, Richard III of Fraser, Elizabeth M. Owens and her husband, Robert, of Sterling Heights, Patricia A. Gillett and her husband, Roger, of Mt. Clemens, and Malcolm T. and his wife, Patricia, of Florida; his brother, David, of Florida; sister, Ellen, of Canada; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Richard was preceded in death by his brothers, Malcolm and Andrew, and his sister, Violet. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at the American Lutheran Church of Mt. Clemens, 38795 Mulberry, Clinton Twp. Burial services will be at Rock Falls Cemetery in Harbor Beach at 4 p.m. Friday. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Faulmann and Walsh Golden Rule Funeral Home, 32814 Utica Road, Fraser and from 10:30 a.m. until the time of services Friday at the church. A guest book is available at www.legacy.com.