

**Gottschalk, Charles J.**

Charles J. Gottschalk, 83, lifetime resident of Kinde, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at the Huron Medical Center following a short period of declining health.

He was born on Nov. 10, 1924 to John and Lena (Carpenter) Gottschalk in Bad Axe. Charles was united in marriage to Lillian Krinkie on May 13, 1950 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin.

Mr. Gottschalk was employed by Bad Axe Grain/Agri Sales in Kinde for 40 years, retiring in 1989. He also served as a Kinde area fireman for 40 years. He was an usher for St. Edward's Catholic Church for many years and a member of the Kinde and Bad Axe Senior Citizens. Charlie was a very loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He enjoyed visiting with family and friends, gardening and meeting for early morning coffee daily. He was always ready for a good card game and proud to be a Ford car owner. He will be greatly missed by many. Charlie leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 57 years, Lillian; two sons, Ronald (Mary) Gottschalk of Port Austin and Duane (Marge) Gottschalk of Mount Pleasant and a son-in-law, Ronald Genis of Helena; nine grandchildren, Tina (Drew) Yelle of Boston, Mass., Renae (Thomas) Rapson of Port Austin, Tracy Gottschalk of Flint, Brian Gottschalk of Port Austin, Michael (Kristin) Gottschalk of Rockford, Curtis (Amanda) Gottschalk of Mount Pleasant, Robert (Michelle) Genis of Ruth, Rebecca (Barry) Hartz of Saline and Ryan Genis of Dearborn; six great-grandchildren, Evan Yelle, Kaitlyn, Jared, Shelby and Blake Gottschalk and Zachery Genis; one sister, Marie (Bill) Gore of Warren; and one brother, James (Rose) Gottschalk of Livonia and numerous nieces and nephews. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lena (Carpenter) Gottschalk; two brothers; one sister; and a daughter, Doreen Genis.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2008 at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Kinde with Fr. Robert Shine officiating. Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Friday with a prayer vigil at 7:30 p.m. at the MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel, Kinde and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Colfax Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be offered to St. Edward's Catholic Church, Kinde.