

Williston Sr., Wade F.

Wade F. Williston Sr., 77, of Essexville, died Sunday, December 10, 2006, following a lengthy illness. He was born February 22, 1929 to the late Harlan and Dorothy Williston in Flint and was raised in Bad Axe and Bay City. During the Korean War, he served his country in the U.S. Navy as Petty Officer 3rd Class. After being discharged from the service, Wade was employed in the family auto parts business, Bill Williston and Sons, in Bad Axe, before retiring from H & H Wheel in 1994. His favorite pastime was hunting and fishing with his many friends. On June 25, 1977, he married the former Lillian Knack in Port Austin. She survives along with his four children, Wade (Yukie) Williston, Jr. of Essexville, Mary Beth (Dana) Jones, of Arizona, Jay (Kim) Williston, of New Hampshire, and Mary (John) Warren, of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, James, Kevin, Ashley, Michael, A.J., Candice, Matthew, Stephen, Stacie, Daniel and Michelle; two great grandchildren, Trent and Brynne; two sisters, Phyllis Clutter and Janet (Henry) Saikin; his brother, William (Clara) Williston; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Veronica Braun; his sister, Shirley Kay Pasant; and his two brothers, David and James Williston. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2006, in the W. A. Trahan Funeral Chapel with military rites under the auspices of the Bay County Veterans Council. The Rev. Thomas Shephard will officiate and cremation will follow with burial in Floral Gardens Cemetery. Visiting hours with the family will be from 2 until 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday and after 10 a.m. on Thursday at the W. A. Trahan Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be designated for the Bay County Veterans Council or to the Association of Interfaith Ministries (AIM).