

Balint, Stephen

Stephen P. Balint, 91, resident of Bad Axe, died Monday morning, January 26, 2004, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. He was born August 10, 1912 in Detroit, son of the late Michael and Rose Balint. They moved to Bad Axe when he was 8 years old. Steve Balint and Margaret Gorang were united in marriage on November 7, 1936 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe with Fr. Leo Dorsey officiating. They were married 66 years. Margaret preceded her husband in death on April 6, 2003. Steve graduated from Bad Axe High School. He was employed by Bad Axe Grain Company, ST&H Oil Company, and he owned and operated the Gulf Gas Station in Bad Axe. Steve was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Surviving are two daughters, Loraine Howard and her husband, Dale, of Bad Axe, Bonnie Kelly and her husband, Patrick, of South Lyon; one son, Gary Balint and his wife, Cheryl, of Dearborn; eight grandchildren, David Howard and his wife, Pauline, of Bad Axe, Ken Howard and his wife, Lynn, of Troy, Karen Hass and her husband, Mark, of Bad Axe, Michael Kelly and his wife, Cathy, of South Lyon, Christopher Kelly and his wife, Alisha, of Brighton, Stephen Kelly, of Brighton, Amy Balint, of San Francisco, California, Daniel Balint, of Cambridge, England; 12 great-grandchildren, Darin, Cory, Julia, Daria, Brian, and Emily Howard, Janeen and Lauren Hass, Samantha, Nathan, Joe, and Rebecca Kelly; one brother-in-law, John Gorang and his wife, Betty, of Oakland; three sisters-in-law, Myrtle Gorang, of Saline, Thelma Gorang, of Bad Axe, Lena Baumert, of California; and many nieces and nephews. Stephen was preceded in death by six sisters, Julia Kervin, Rose Klinefelt, Helen Balint, Cecelia Balint, Ethel Edwards, Theresa Mills; and one great-granddaughter, Monica Howard. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at noon on Friday, January 30, 2004, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Fr. James Carlson will officiate. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. There will be a scripture service at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.