

Bennett, Don

Don G. Bennett, 76, of Sand Point died Sunday morning, Oct. 27, 2002, at Bay Medical Center in Bay City. He was born May 2, 1926, in Lansing to the late William and Bessie (Crumb) Bennett. Don was inducted in to the U.S. Navy in 1943, serving in the South Pacific during World War II. When he returned, he went back to school and received a degree in engineering from Michigan State University. On Oct. 29, 1971, he was united in marriage to Elsie (Friebe) DeShano in Bay City. In 1989, he retired from Gerace Construction in Midland and moved from Freeland to the home on Sand Point he began building in 1982. He was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville, Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th degree, Caseville-Pigeon, Caseville Kiwanis Club. He was a former Caseville Township clerk, served on the Caseville Township Planning Commission and was instrumental in starting the Point of Sand Point Association. Don enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, and snow and water skiing. He is survived by his wife, Elsie; ten children, Ken DeShano and his wife, Debbie, of Poulsville, Wash., Cathy Johnson and her husband, Tony, of Tucson, Ariz., Randy DeShano of Auburn, Rhonda Roth and her husband, Daniel, of Linwood, Brian DeShano and his wife, DeAun, of Edenville, John Bennett and his wife, Debbie, of Grand Blanc, Tim Bennett, Patrick Bennett and his wife, Tammy, of Tulsa, Okla., Daniel Bennett and his wife, Marie, of Belton, Texas, Jennifer Fagan and her husband, Kelly, of Jeddo; 19 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and his brother, William Bennett of Indianapolis, Ind. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville. The Rev. Fr. Kenneth Yaroch, pastor, will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville and after 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be given to St. Roch, American Heart Association or the Cancer Society.