

Leonard Lee Kalka

Leonard Lee Kalka, 86, of Kinde, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010 at Ferguson Convalescent Home in Lapeer.

Born Dec. 15, 1923 in Rapson, he was the son of the late Emil, Sr. and Emilia (Wrubel) Kalka.

Leonard was a colorful entrepreneur and inventor extraordinaire. He owned a contracting company in Detroit for many years. He created a solar energy company in the 1970's and despite his retirement, managed to create another manufacturing company.

Leonard is survived by his older sister, Irene Marlow of Scottville; two daughters, Roxanne (Duane) Ashworth of Auburn Hills and Lenore (Denis) Mancion of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren, twins, Brandon (Mira) Briguglio and Tennille (Jason) Judson, both of Troy, Christina (Nicholas) Menardie of Scottsdale, Ariz., Jacqueline (Hart) Steen of Los Angeles, Calif. and Kathleen Schwartz of Nashville, Tenn; one great-granddaughter, Samaria Brigulio and a great-grandson, L. J. Judson, to be born in five weeks. He also was survived by many nieces and nephews.

There will be a simple funeral Mass at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kinde with Fr. Daniel Roa officiating.

Arrangements by the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.