

JAMES F. COLGAN
1911 - 1992

James F. Colgan age 81 of Grand Rapids former owner of the Colgan Funeral Home, Elkton (currently Champagne Funeral Chapel) died Wednesday, June 3, at Blodgett Hospital, Grand Rapids following a short illness.

He was born February 2, 1911 in Woodham, Ontario, son of the late Edwin and Mary (Moutray) Colgan. He moved from Canada to Detroit with his family at age 13. In 1933 he moved to Bad Axe. On September 17, 1938 he married Myrtle Krueger at the Bad Axe Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Colgan began his career in funeral service in Huron County at the Collon Funeral Home in Bad Axe (currently H. W. Weitenberner Funeral Home) in 1934. He received his funeral directors license in 1938. In 1947 he bought the Mayhew Funeral Home in Elkton and also operated Colgan Furniture at that location. He closed that part of his business in 1958. He built the funeral home at the present location in 1960 and sold it to Champagne on November 1, 1975. He also operated the ambulance service in Elkton until 1965.

He was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, life member of the Elkton Rotary Club and past president of the Elkton Community Club.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle; three daughters, Kay (Stephen) Loftus of Hastings, Mary Baron of Grand Haven and Elizabeth Colgan of Reston, VA and six grandchildren, Amy, Anna, Jason, Travis, Ethan and Adam.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Colgan and four sisters, Frances Kaggarty, Viola Howe, Mervina Hazelwood and Henrietta McCordy.

Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 PM Sunday, June 7, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Rev. DeWeerd Smith will officiate with burial in Colfax Twp. Cemetery, Bad Axe.