

# WILLIAM J. FARMER

## 1919 - 1998

William "Bill" Farmer, age 79, long time Caseville businessman, died Tuesday morning, August 11, at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

He was born March 27, 1919 in Pontiac and moved to Caseville in his youth, with his parents the late Ralph and Merle (Jean) Farmer.

On October 17, 1943 he was united in marriage to Wanda Mae Dufty at the home of her parents, in Caseville.

Bill graduated from Bay Port High School and worked several jobs before joining the navy during WW II where he served with the Atlantic fleet. When he returned home he became a commercial fisherman with the Saginaw Bay Fish Company, Caseville. In the early seventies, he and his wife started the Caseville Fish Market operating it until it closed in 1994. They are currently operating Farmer's Trail Court, a business they purchased from his parents in 1952.

He was a member of the Caseville United Methodist Church and the Pigeon VFW Post #2236.

Surviving are his wife, Mae; his daughter, JoAnn Schultz of Caseville four grandchildren, Chris (Lou) McCarthy of Mud Creek, Jennifer Schultz of Bad Axe, Mindy Schultz and Ryan Schultz both of Caseville; a great grandson, Eric William McCarthy and his sister, Geraldine Simmons of Caseville. A sister, Betty Henne, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will take place Tuesday August 18, at the Crawford House next to St. Roch Church, Caseville where the family will receive friends after 10:00 AM Tuesday morning.

Memorial contributions may be given the Caseville Public School Athletic Dept. or the Caseville United Methodist Church