

## **Wintergerst, Anthony**

Anthony "Tony" Wintergerst, 80, of Bad Axe died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at his home. Tony was born on June 19, 1920, in a log cabin in Lincoln Township, son of Adam and Grace (Holzhofer) Wintergerst. He attended rural school in Lincoln Township and farmed with his father. He joined the United States Army in March of 1942, serving in Europe in the "Battle of the Bulge" with the 705 and 601 Tank Destroyer Battalion. He was discharged in October 1945, receiving a Purple Heart medal. Tony Wintergerst and Miss Roxie E. Barton were united in marriage on Nov. 4, 1950, at the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe. She preceded him in death on Feb. 8, 1978. On Sept. 1, 1979, Tony was united in marriage to Violet McKulsky at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church. Tony enjoyed visiting his wife at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, being with family and friends, fishing, and bowling. He was employed at Smith Distributors in Bad Axe until he retired in 1983. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Caseville, Caseville Retirement Club, and Associate Member of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, Educational Services. Surviving is his wife, Violet; one daughter, Connie Zahm and her husband, Robert, of Bad Axe; one son, William Wintergerst and special friend, Jamie Doran; one granddaughter, Andrea Zahm of Marquette; three grandsons, Nicholas Wintergerst of Southgate, Richard Wintergerst of Ypsilanti and David Little of Garden City; and Jamie Doran's children, Pat, David, and Chrissy; one step-daughter, Sharon Ellis and her husband, Jim, of Bad Axe; two step-sons, Edward McKulsky of Virginia, and William McKulsky and wife, Deanna, of Hale.; nine step-grandchildren; and 14 step-great-grandchildren. Tony was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Stephen Wintergerst and two infant brothers. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Jan Dykshroorn will officiate. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Memorials may be offered to the Huron County Medical Facility or Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.