

Gross, James R.

James R. Gross, 89, of Port Austin died Saturday, March 23, 2002, at Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. He was born July 15, 1912, in Toledo, Ohio to Robert Abbey and Helen Goldie (Roath) Gross. He married Catherine "Kate" E. Wallace Feb. 26, 1938, in Bowling Green, Ohio. She died July 13, 1996. James graduated from the University of Toledo in 1933 with a Bachelors degree in business. He played football on the college team. He began work for Swift and Co. of Chicago out of their Saginaw office as a salesman with a route through the Thumb. James bought the Gross & Meier Meat Market in 1941 with Fred Meier. He operated the store for 33 years. Mr. Gross was the last living charter member of the Cass City Gravel Club. He served eight years on the Cass City School Board and the Cass City Village Council. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the former Cass City Hospital. He was a member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, deacon, choir member and on the pulpit committee. Mr. Gross served on the Cass City Development Group that was responsible for bringing Walbro to town. In his early years, Mr. Gross enjoyed woodworking, ceramics, rug hooking, decoupage and other crafts. He loved fishing, boating, playing bridge, watching birds and tending to his flowers. He was shuffleboard champion at his home in Florida. James is survived by his children, Barbara Kube and her husband, Dr. Kenneth S., of Bad Axe, Carolyn Hall and her husband, Dennis, of Cazenovia, NY, and Virginia "Ginnie" Bullock and her husband, Donald, of Decker; grandchildren, Kimberly Herrington and her husband, Michael, Brian Kube and special friend, Kelly Champagne, Elizabeth Angelastro and her husband, Robert, Leslyn Hall and husband, Jacques Bailly, Laurie Ganzberg and her husband, Vince, Kristin Fuller and her husband, Jeff, and Lynette Waligora and her husband, Matt; 14 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Beva Wallace of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his sister, Lucille Hardy. The funeral service took place at 11 a.m. today, March 25, 2002, at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City with pastor Larry VanSlambrook of Open Door Missionary Church in Sandusky officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery in Cass City. Memorials may be made to Cass City First Presbyterian Church Handicap Facilities Fund.