

Santelle, Albert

Albert Santelle, 85, of Sand Point died Tuesday afternoon, April 21, 2009 at his home with his family at his bedside.

He was born April 5, 1924, to the late Antonio and Gemma (DiMassimo) Santelle in Detroit.

After high school, Al joined the U.S. Navy and served in Europe during World War II.

Shortly after his discharge from the Armed Forces, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Robson July 14, 1945 in Detroit. Their marriage was blessed with four children. Evelyn preceded him in death Aug. 19, 1968. He and Donna Muentener were married Oct. 24, 1970 in Birmingham.

Al had been employed at Ford Motor Co., Tractor Division in Troy for 35 years. In 1997, he and Donna relocated to Huron County.

Al loved watching and playing sports. He pitched two "no hitters" while on a Detroit semi pro fast pitch softball team. He later enjoyed playing golf.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Donna; three children, Karen (Jim) Martin of Cincinnati, Gloria (Mike Sweeney) Santelle of Ypsilanti and Don (Cathy) Santelle of Grayslake, Ill.; his grandchildren, Jim (Len), David and John Martin, Danny and Christie Santelle; and a great-grandson, William (Liam) Martin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; his son, Dennis; six sisters, Nancy, Ida, Helen, Elizabeth, Jennie and Agnes; and two brothers, Antonio and Louis.

A memorial luncheon will be served from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009 at his home for family, friends, neighbors and care givers.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to A & D Home Care, Hospice Advantage, Scheurer Hospital or Hunt for Life.

Words of condolence may be shared at www.champagnefuneralchapel.com.