

WILLIAM NORMAN SCHAFER

1896 - 1990

William Norman Schafer, age 93 of Lady Lake, Fla., formerly of Caseville, passed away Saturday, Jan. 20 in Grand Rapids.

He was born Aug. 10, 1896 in Caseville to William and Augusta (Wolfe) Schafer. He was united in marriage to Lydia Theresa Brechtel on Aug. 6, 1922. She preceded him in death on March 6, 1951.

Mr. Schafer was a broker and store manager in wholesale paper products, a World War I U.S. Navy veteran, a life member of the American Legion, Post 347 Lady Lake, Fla., serving as Post Historian until December, 1989. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pigeon, Harper Avenue Methodist Church of Detroit, Birkett Memorial Baptist Church of Detroit, First Congregational Church of Rochester, New Port Richey Congregational Church of New Port Richey, Fla. and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Burbank, Calif.

He is survived by one daughter, Shirley Sylvia Martin of Lapeer; one son, Robert Norman Schafer of Chelsea; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Martin Edward Schafer and Arthur Floyd Schafer, both of Rialto, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lydia; one son, Norman Wolfgang Schafer on Jan. 3, 1931; one daughter, Ruth Halena Stock on June 14, 1982; two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Muir Bros. Funeral Home, Lapeer. Rev. Drue Corbett officiated with burial in the White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be considered to First Baptist Church of Lapeer or the First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer.