

WARD SOPER

1925 - 1988

Ward O. Soper, age 63, of Bloomfield, N.J., former area resident, passed away Wednesday, May 25 at Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge, N.J. after a long illness.

He was born March 31, 1925 in Bad Axe, son of the late Arthur and Mabel (Stirrett) Soper. He and Ruth Emery were united in marriage on May 21, 1946.

Mr. Soper lived the last 30 years in Bloomfield, N.J., working as an auto mechanic at Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., East Orange and Orange, N.J. He retired in 1978. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran serving in World War II and was a member of the American Legion Post 1000, Trenton, N.J.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth, Bloomfield, N.J.; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Cheryl) Christensen, Bloomfield; one son, Richard L. Soper, Bloomfield; two granddaughters; four sisters, Mrs. Nelson (Irene) Santhony, Caseville, Mrs. Andrew (Joan) Lawson, Elkton and Mrs. Clayton (Eulah) Keilior and Mrs. Joseph (Joyce) Merrick, both of Bad Axe and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Soper, one son, Ward Soper, Jr., one brother, Arthur Soper and one sister, Mrs. Eleanor Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 27 at George Van Tassels Community Funeral Home, Bloomfield. A cremation service followed.

Local graveside services are planned for Colfax Cemetery at a later date.

MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe handled local arrangements.