

Clayton Franklin McDonald

Clayton Franklin McDonald, 83, of Swartz Creek, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012 at his residence.

Mr. McDonald was born Sept. 2, 1928, in Grindstone City, the son of Joseph Franklin and Mary (Perdue) McDonald.

He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Marines. He married Mary Ellen Gire April 4, 1959 in Flint and she preceded him in death Nov. 23, 2008.

He retired in 1995 from Genesee Valley Mall as Grounds Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. McDonald was a member of the Swartz Creek American Legion Post No. 294 and the Mundy Township Volunteers.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony McDonald of Swartz Creek and David McDonald and his wife, Crystie, of Goodrich; four grandchildren, Mary Gregory, Nicholas Gregory, Kevin Vial, and Kelly Smith and her husband, Kevin; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Jeanette and husband, Jim Hewitt of Ubyly, Mary Lou Powers and her husband, Kir, of Milford, and Fran Jelinek and her husband, Bob, of Suttons Bay; two sisters-in-law, Jackie Rice and her husband, Gerard, of Swartz Creek and Leona McDonald of Gilbert, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Jean and Josephine; and a brother, Harvey.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road in Swartz Creek, with Pastor Lawrence Gill officiating. Burial immediately following at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Avalon Hospice.

Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.