

JOSEPH ARTHUR WILHELM

1914 - 1986

Joseph A. Wilhelm, age 71 of Caseville, died Sunday, Jan. 5 at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 6, 1914 in Grand Island, Neb., son of the late Alvin and Marie (Gherke) Wilhelm, and moved to Michigan as a baby. On Feb. 1, 1940, he was united in marriage to Margaret Donohue at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pontiac.

Mr. Wilhelm was a retired supervisor from Pontiac Motor Division, where he worked for 35 years. The couple moved to Caseville in July, 1976 after his retirement. He was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3690 of Caseville, Knights of Columbus Council No. 8042, past chaplain of Elks Lodge No. 810 of Pontiac, past president of the Bishop's Council in Saginaw and past lay director of the Third Order of St. Francis in Southfield.

Mr. Wilhelm is survived by his wife, Margaret; four daughters, Mrs. Hedizou (JoAnn) Fujiwara of Troy, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Balog of Union Lake, Mrs. Raymond (Elizabeth) Wilhelm of Clarkston and Mrs. David (Marion) Danielson of St. Ignace; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and one brother, Robert Wilhelm of West Acres. One daughter, Catherine, preceded him in death in 1941.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 from St. Roch Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Theodore LaMarre, pastor, will officiate, with interment in the church cemetery.

An Eagle Memorial Service was conducted at 6:30 p.m. Monday. A Scripture Service was conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday, with a Knights of Columbus Rosary following.