

Suchy Sr., Joseph

Joseph Suchy, Sr., 81, of Port Austin, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at Harbor Beach Community Hospital in Harbor Beach. He was born on March 1, 1922 in Woodside, Penn., son of the late John and Mary (Tusinsky) Suchy. He married Helen Mary Smith on Aug. 12, 1947 in Winchester, Va. Joe worked in the Pennsylvania coal mines for 19 years until 1963 when he moved to Hamtramck and began working for General Motors. He retired from GM in 1986 and moved to Port Austin in 1991. Joe served in the United States Army during World War II. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the Medal of Victory and the Purple Heart. He was a member of the VFW in Uniontown, Penn., and of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Joe took great pride in his vegetable garden and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Port Austin; two children, Stephen Suchy and his wife, Marilyn Schumacher, of Port Austin, and Barb Detloff and her husband, Al, of Spruce; seven grandchildren, Dave Detloff, Stephanie Walker and her husband, Mike, Adam Schumacher, Yvette Garland and her husband, Teja, Josh Suchy, Justin Suchy and Jordan Suchy; two great-grandchildren, Ethan Garland and Sierra Schumacher. He was preceded in death by three children, Joseph Jr., John and Lorraine Suchy; two brothers, Frank and John; and one sister, Ann. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Fr. Robert Pare will officiate. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. There will be a vigil conducted at 7 p.m. Monday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.