ALVIN "JOHN" KNECHTEL
1922-1990

Former Elkton businessman, John Knechtel, age 68, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe, following a long battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 26, 1922 in Elkton, son of Alvin Knechtel and the late Verda (Eidt) Knechtel.

He was united in marriage on Sept. 6, 1947 to Annabelle Curran at the Chandler Presbyterian Church, Elkton.

Shortly after returning from military service, he and his brother started Knechtel's Market in 1950. Several years later he left the store and started Knechtel's Meat Processing. After selling to William McCarty, he took a position with Community Bank in Ubly, Bad Axe and Elkton for 13 years. He then returned to the market, until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, past president of the Elkton Lions Club, past commander of the Carpenter-Doersch V.F.W. Post No. 6013, Elkton, a World War II Army Air Force veteran, having served in North Africa, past member of the Elkton Community Club, former Elkton Village Treasurer and was a retired Elkton firefighter.

He is survived by his wife, Annabelle; four children, Marcia (Clare) Scheurer of Port Huron, Nancy (Don) Anderson of Lowell, Tom (Mary) Knechtel of Kalamazoo and Greg (Debra) Knechtel of Mesa, Az.; 11 grandchildren, Andrea, Allison, Ashley, Adam, Joshua, Kory, Brad, Kelly, Stephanie, Lisa and Troy; his father, Alvin Knechtel of Bad Axe; a brother, Wayne (Audrey) Knechtel of Bad Axe and a sister, Mary Lou (Budd) Elenbaum of Pigeon.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Elkton United Methodist Church. Rev. Jim James, pastor and Rev. DeWeerd Smith, pastor of the Community Wesleyan Church, will officiate with burial in the Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Memorials may be given to the Elkton United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.