

Vallance, Willard

Willard J. Vallance, 72, of Lake Township died Saturday morning, Nov. 11, 2000, at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. He was born April 29, 1928, in Sumter Township, Gratiot County, to Howard and Clista (Carson) Vallance. On Jan. 7, 1950, he was united in marriage to Emma Lou Mealoy in Petoskey, and they moved to the Pontiac area a short time later. Willard was a test driver for General Motors for 39 years, retiring Jan. 1, 1989. They moved to their cottage near Caseville later that month. He was a very active member of the Caseville Retirement club and also was a member of the Caseville Eagles. Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Lou; five sons, Larry Vallance and his wife, Mary, of Orion, Donald Vallance and his wife, Lori, of White Lake, Bill Vallance and his wife, Debbi, of Clarkston, Russell Vallance and his wife, Siggie, of Aub, Germany, and George Vallance and his wife, Marty, of Fowlerville; his daughter, Kim Gary and her husband, Loren, of Indian River; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Lawrence Vallance and his wife, Monica, of Davison, Irwin Vallance of Irving, Texas, and Maynard Vallance and his wife, Darlene, of Cheboygan; and his sister, Lila Griswold and her husband, Neil, of Cheboygan. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and George; and two sisters, Mary Doner and Ellen Griswold. An Eagle memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2000, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. Visitation will be 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.