

## **Root Jr., Jerome**

Jerome "Jerry" Root Jr., 82, of Cass City, died Saturday, December 31, 2005, at Northwood Meadows in Cass City. He was born May 9, 1923 in Cass City to Jerome and Margaret (Szabo) Root Sr. He married Grace Myrtle Galbraith on April 15, 1945 at her parents home in Comins. She died March 24, 1983. He then married Normaleen Jean McIntosh on August 31, 1985 at Shabbona United Methodist Church. Jerry played high school football and track. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a self-employed carpenter with Root Building for many years. Jerry also worked as a carpenter for Patell Construction, RC Hendricks and for Tom Herron. He was a former member of the Cass City Tyler Masonic Lodge No. 317 and a former member of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. Jerry started with the Cass City Fire Department in 1958 and served until 1989. During that time, he served as chief from 1969 to 1971. In 1982, he was appointed by the township board as the first full-time paid village Fire Department Chief. Jerry was one of the original members of the Cass City Investment Club, a former member of the Cass City United Methodist Church and a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church. Jerry is survived by his wife, Normaleen; children, Carol (Larry) Summers, of Gagetown, Shirley (Bob) McIntosh, of Cass City, Jim (Kelly) Root, of Cass City; step-son, Dale (Lynda) McIntosh, of Cass City; grandchildren, Tom (Melinda) Summers, Terri (Wade) Stilwell, Debbie (Craig) Abell, Tiffany Root, Cassie Root, Alex Magiera, Aaron Magiera, Bryce McIntosh, Shannon (Dieter) Roth; great-grandchildren, Kendall Stilwell, Justin Summers, Zachary Abell, Shelby Abell, Summer McIntosh, Matthew Roth, Paige Roth; brothers, Dick (Glenola) Root, of Cass City, Don (Helen) Root, of Cass City; sister, Doris (Mike) Barto, of Cleveland, Ohio; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Elmer Root; and sisters, Marge Blakely and Elaine Molnar. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. today, Monday, January 2, 2006, at Shabbona United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ellen Burns officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bay Shore Camp, Cass City Fire Department, or American Cancer Society. Military honors are under the direction of Cass City VFW Post No. 3644. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).