

## **Matula, John**

John Matula, 81, of Bad Axe, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2004, after a lengthy illness in Bad Axe. John was born in St. Charles on February 15, 1923, the son of Paul and Susan (Koziel) Matula. He grew up on the farm in Fremont Township, Saginaw County. John served with the United States Navy from 1941 to 1945. He was very proud of his service to his country. His awards include the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He worked as a farmhand and as a boat builder in St. Charles. John worked for 39 years at Consumer's Power Company in both Saginaw and Bad Axe retiring in 1986. He loved boating, fishing and hunting. John was a member of VFW Post No. 02236 of Pigeon.

He is survived by his children, Thomas E. Matula and his wife, Jean, of Saginaw, Ted P. Matula and his wife, Elaine, of Rapid City, Robert J. Matula and his wife, Kelle, of Midland, Richard A. Matula and his wife, Annette, and Susan F. Matula, of Bad Axe; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Joseph Matula and his wife, Theresa, of St. Charles, and Frank Matula and his wife, Eunice, of Midland. Preceding him in death was a son, Gary Lee Matula.

Arrangements are being handled by MacAlpine Funeral Home. Cremation will take place with a memorial service pending. Visit the web tribute for John at

<http://www.macalpine.yourtribute.com/JohnMatula>. Contributions may be made to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice located at 1171 S. Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413. Dad, until we meet again may you find peace in Heaven's hand.