

Battane, Clarence J.

Clarence Joseph Battane, 91, of Caseville, died Monday, March 5, 2007, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe of complications from a stroke. Clare was born of Italian immigrants on September 16, 1915 at home in Detroit. He was raised in a strong Catholic home and attended Catholic schools for nine years. He graduated from Denby High School where he lettered in baseball twice, and he was a member of the "D" club. Clare served his country in World War II in the U.S. Army. In 1934, Clare married Mildred Hayes and they had three children. Mildred preceded him in death in 1969. Clare met and married Elvie Powers (nee Snyder) in 1977. They have spent many wonderful times together singing and dancing over the past 30 years. Clare joined the City of Detroit and worked in various ranks for 30 years. He retired in 1970 as an Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. He moved to Caseville in September 1970. Clare kept very active in his retirement. He was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church, a 51 year member of the Knights of Columbus, and a 47 year member of the American Legion. In 1976, Clare was instrumental in founding the Caseville Eagles No. 3690. He served as the charter Chaplin and later as the fifth President. He loved to play euchre and spent many afternoons at his aerie home. An avid sports fan, Clare closely followed the up and downs of his beloved Detroit Tigers. He also enjoyed fishing, bowling, singing and playing cards. Clare is survived by his wife, Elvie; children, Yvonne (Fred) Perian, of Madison, Mississippi, Sharon Glodowski, of Mt. Clemens, Gary Battane, of Largo, Florida, Linda (Jess) Halstead, of Livonia, Peggy (Steve) Cavanaugh, of Dearborn, Mark (Linda) Powers, of Garden City, and Cory (Sue) Powers, of Redford; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and special nephews, Leonard and Dave Battane. Clare is preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Mary (Medici); and all seven of his brothers and sisters, Edward, Albert, William, Louis, Helen, Lydia and Florence. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville, with Fr. Ken Yaroch presiding. Burial will be in Caseville Township Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the Caseville American Legion Jean Post No. 8042. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Chapel of Caseville and from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass on Wednesday. There will be a K of C rosary at 4 p.m. today and an Eagles' Ritual at 6 p.m. today. Memorials should be in the form of Mass donations. Condolences may be shared at www.cfcCaseville.com.