

Kranz, Melvin L.

Melvin L. Kranz, 81, of Harbor Beach passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007 at Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of Harbor Beach Community Hospital under United Hospice Care.

He was born to the late William and Anna (Klug) Kranz on Oct. 16, 1926 in Harbor Beach. Melvin married Dolores Ulfig on Nov. 17, 1951 at Camp McCoy Wise Chapel. They celebrated 56 years of marriage this past November.

Melvin served in the U.S. Army in Camp McCoy during the Korean Conflict.

He enjoyed farming with his wife and family very much. He was a member of the Our Lady of Lake Huron Church, and American Legion post No. 197. He was a sexton of Our Lady of Lake Huron Church Cemetery. He was employed by Hercules Inc., was part owner of an excavating company and farmed. Melvin's hobbies included playing cards with friends and family, gardening, and four wheeling. His special joy was his grandchildren.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Dolores of Harbor Beach; and his children, Carolyn Uhl and her husband, John, of Minden City, William Kranz Sr. and his wife, Carol, of Warren, Linda Harbin and her husband, Michael of Harbor Beach, and Denise Volmering and her husband, James, of Phoenix, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren, Lee Harbin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Lisa Burkhard of Toledo, Ohio, Cpl. Robert Uhl of the Marines in Virginia, Sgt. Joseph Uhl of the Marines in Sand Diego, Calif., Justin, Nathan, and Brooke Volmering of Phoenix, Ariz., William Jr., Kevin, and Jennifer Kranz of Dearborn Heights, Mike Burke, Pam Murray, and Christine Streidl; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Lorraine (Joseph) Holdwick of Ruth; two brothers, Wilfred Kranz of Robertsedale, Ala., and Lawrence Kranz of Harbor Beach and Florida; brother-in-law, LaVern Ulfig of Livonia; sister-in-law, Judith Heiden of Minden City; and many nieces and nephews; and six God-children.

Funeral Mass for Melvin is at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007 in Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church of Harbor Beach. Fr. Bill Spencer officiating. Burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach and beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. in the church on Saturday. A parish vigil service will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the funeral home. Military Honors will be given in Melvin's honor.



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