

**Binkle, Ralph P.**

Ralph P. Binkle, age 89 of Port Hope, passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 at his home with his family at his side.

He was born on March 31, 1920 to the late Albert and Martha (Abraham) Binkle.

Ralph and Dorothy Schave were united in marriage on Dec. 24, 1945 in Port Hope. He is veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the European Theatre during World War II, in the 94th infantry division.

Ralph is a retired employee of Hercules, Inc., retiring in 1982 after 42 years of service. He is a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, a life member of the American Legion Post 197 of Harbor Beach. He was a member of the Carling's Baseball team of Harbor Beach, the Huron County Baseball League, and played baseball for the US Army. Ralph was also a basketball official for local high schools, and was a former owner and operator of the ST & H Gas Station in Port Hope.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Binkle, of Port Hope; daughters, Margo Kelly and her husband, Gaylord, of Presque Isle, and Mary Jane Pleiness and her husband, Richard, of Davison; brother, Eugene Binkle of Harbor Beach; sister, Esther Binkle of Traverse City; and sister, Dorothy Skinner of Traverse City; two grandchildren, Rory Roberts and his wife, Julie, and Wade Roberts; and two great-granddaughters, Josie and Jamie Roberts.

Ralph was preceded in death by his brothers, Gerry, Bob, Bud and Jack Binkle; and sisters, Helen Sandman and Lois Bond.

Funeral services for Ralph will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 in the St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, with the Rev. Greg Eilers officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery.

Visitation for Ralph will be from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. today in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, visitation on Wednesday will be in the church beginning at noon until time of services at 1 p.m. A scripture service will take place at 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.