

Butcher, William H. "Bill"

William H. "Bill" Butcher, 84, of Gladwin passed away suddenly, Sunday Dec. 16, 2007.

Bill was born Sept. 12, 1923 in Flint to Charles and Lyda (Cook) Butcher.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army.

Bill retired from Consumers Power after 38 years of service, 20 of which were in Bad Axe.

He married the former Mary Jane Balzer on June 6, 1981 in Gladwin.

Bill was a member of the Wagarville Community United Methodist Church, the Bowlers Hall of Fame and he loved to hunt, fish and prospect in Arizona where they wintered for 21 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane; five children, Dave and Debra Butcher of Bad Axe, Kim and Kim Butcher of Lansing, Laura and Bob Reinbold of Lake Orion, Paula Danielson of Washington state and Jeff Butcher of Fla.; seven stepchildren, Betty and Richard McColley of Ariz., Dorothy and Tony Miller of Colorado, Ray and Kathy Balzer of Gladwin, Connie and Richard Arthur of Coleman, Marvin and Marva Balzer, Ted and Vicki Balzer, and Bob and Lynda Balzer all of Gladwin; 30 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Bill was predeceased in death by two sisters.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007 at the Sisson Funeral Home.

The Rev. Linda Jo Powers will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Wagarville United Methodist Church.



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