Robert B. Purkhiser

May 28, 1916 - December 15, 2007

Robert B. Purkhiser age 91 of Lighthouse Park area near Port Hope passed away Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 at Bay Medical Center, Bay City, Michigan following hip replacement surgery and rehabilitation at Coutney Manor, Bad Axe.

Born in Salem, IN on May 28, 1916, he was the son of the late James Benjamin. and Grace E. (Brewer) Purkhiser.

Robert and LaVerne Schardine were united in marriage on July 13, 1940. She preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 2005. Together they owned and operated the Purkiser Rustic Cottages near Lighthouse Park from 1972 to 1989.

Robert also owned and operated DeHaven Coal Co., Hoosier Soil Service and Purk`s Bait and Tackle in Bluffton, IN until their move to Michigan in the early 1970`s.

He was a member of the Elks Club in Bluffton for many years. Robert was an avid sports fan and loved the outdoors. He was a hunter, fisherman and very much enjoyed Bluffton Tiger Basketball and the Purdue Boilermakers.

Surviving are his son Jay Purkhiser and his wife Beth of Auburn, IN.a

daughter in law Suzy Purkhiser of Villeur Banne, France and two grandchildren Caitlin and Kelly. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews and a sister in law Luella Purkhiser.

He was preceded in death by his wife LaVerne and a son Robert Lynn Purkhiser.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11am in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach with Burial in the New River Cemetery, near Huron City. Officiating will be
Visitation will be on Thursday from 2-5 & 7-9pm and on Friday from 10am until the time of services in the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Heartland Hospice or to the donors choice.

Tribute Wall

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