



Joseph F. Walker

January 23, 1919 - January 2, 2006

Joseph Frazier Walker, 86, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, died peacefully surrounded by family and friends, on January 2, 2006. He was born on January 23, 1919 in Battle Creek, Michigan and spent his school days in Olivet, Michigan. He attended Olivet College. A U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, he married Delores Verhougstraete on April 27, 1946. The couple made their home and raised their family in Lansing, Michigan. During his work life, he was employed by Motor Wheel Corporation and Diamond Reo, retiring in 2000 from his favorite job at Ledge Meadow Golf Course. He will always be remembered for his lively wit and sense of humor, as well as his life-long love of sports: baseball, golf, bowling and fly-fishing. He was a staunch Wolverine fan, passionately supporting all University of Michigan athletic programs, particularly football. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Delores Walker; daughters, Connie Lawson and Christine Walker; and three grandchildren: Marnie Lawson Draper, Trent (Renee) Lawson, all of Grand Ledge, Trena (Brian) Lawson Nees of Chesapeake, Virginia; seven great-grandchildren: Mackenzie and Nick Draper, Lucas Nees, Paige Lawson, Sonny, Korrielynn and Taylor DeLand; and many friends at Ledge Meadows Golf Course and the staff of The Eaton County Medical Care Facility. In-State Friday, January 6, 2006, 1:30 pm until the time of Mass 2:00 pm at St. Gerard Catholic Church, 4437 W. Willow Highway Lansing, Michigan with The Reverend Fr. John P. Klein, celebrant. Visitation Thursday 2-4:00 pm and 6-8:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with a Vigil Service at 7:00 pm. In lieu of

flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Eaton County Medical Care Facility Foundation, 530 W. Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813.