



## William R. "Bill" Pollitt

June 29, 1918 - December 22, 2006

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Age 88, passed away December 22, 2006, in Florida. He was born June 29, 1918 in Lansing, Michigan, the son of William and Mary Alice (Ryder) Pollitt. Bill is a graduate of Lansing Central High School, class of 1936. he joined the Army, served as captain during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1946. Retiring from Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. after 30 years as an agent, he then became an insurance investigator for the State of Michigan for the next 10 years. Bill was a life member of the Rotary Club, the N.R.A., The Smithsonian and a 60 year member of Cole-Briggs American legion post in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Bill enjoyed the outdoors; hunting, fishing, and golfing. His other activities included bowling, coin and decoy collecting, and antiques. Bill's travels and love of playing cards kept him busy: At the age of 81, he finished in the top ten (in a field of 586 entrants) in the World Series of poker in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1999. Bill is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, his daughters, Mary Lou (Robert) Clark of Maryland, Kathy (John) Chemacki of Pottersville, MI stepson David (Cheryl) of Tennessee, and step daughters, Marcia (Rick) Rose and Beth (Ron) Mortali, both of Florida, along with

numerous grandchildren and great grand children. Bill had a zest for life and loved his family, friends and wife, Elizabeth. His understated sense of humor was a constant source of enjoyment for everyone who had the good fortune to cross his path. A celebration of Bill's life will be held Thursday, May 3, 2007, 11am at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. Memorial gifts in Bill's name may be made to: Cole Briggs Post 48, 731 N. Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial St. Bonita Springs, FL 34135. [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)