



**Packard, Russell 'Rusty' J Jr**

**Saginaw, MI**

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PACKARD, Russell "Rusty" J. Jr. of Saginaw, Michigan. Passed away Thursday, March 31, 2011 surrounded by family at the age of 85. He was much loved by his wife, children, grandchildren, and great - grandchildren.

He was born March 15, 1926 to the late Russell and Ina Packard in Saginaw. He graduated from St. Joe's. He served in WW II 96th Infantry Division "Deadeyes," was wounded at Okinawa, and received the Purple Heart.

On April 26, 1947 he married his high school sweetheart, Irene Pawlik, and in almost 64 years of marriage they raised five children together. He and his wife owned Packard's Bar on 6th and Wadsworth and he later retired from Grey Iron Foundry. Some of his favorite pastimes were winters in Bradenton, Florida, Army Reunions, bowling, golfing (getting a hole-in-one in 1994!), and watching the grandkids participate in sports.

He belonged to American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and was a lifetime member of Pulaski Hall. He attended St. Stephen and St. Thomas Aquinas churches.

Survived by his wife, Irene; children Gary and Karen Packard of East Tawas, Steve and Nona Packard, Jan and Marty Decher, Sandee and Bob Stone of Florida, Patti and Roger Taylor; grandchildren Erin and Brett, Michelle, Pete and Stacey, Katie and Mark, Robby, Elyse, Maryann and Brian; six great - grandchildren and a little angel on the way. He is also survived by sisters Betty Passariello, Donna and Jack Brandi, and Mary Ellen and Dale MacConnel. He was predeceased by a brother, Jerry, and a brother-in-law, Louie.

The family extends their appreciation for the care given to him by Dr. Fattal, Dr. Rivette, and The Cartwright Center. Funeral Liturgy will take place 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2011 at St. Stephen Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. James G. Heller will officiate. Burial will take place in St. Andrew Cemetery with Military Services conducted by American Legion Post #439. Friends may call at The Snow Funeral Home, 3775 N. Center Rd., (between Shattuck and McCarty), where the family will be present on Sunday

from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Monday at St. Stephen Catholic Church from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass. A Vigil Service will take place 4:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.