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Name	Residence	Maiden Name
Craig T. Houser	Owosso,MI	N/A
Age	Approx. Date of Death:	
83	09/06/2010	

Notice

Craig Thomas Houser Age 83, of Owosso, surrounded by family at Memorial Healthcare, left this life peacefully and courageously, to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, Sept. 6, 2010. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at St. Paul Catholic Church, with Fr. John Fain officiating. The family will receive friends at Nelson-House Funeral Home on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m., with the family present from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. A Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Craig was a devoted husband and family man and took great pride in nurturing and supporting his family. A devout Catholic, Craig was an active member of St. Paul Catholic Church for 52 years, frequently working for the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA), an annual campaign to support various causes vital to parishes within the Lansing Diocese. Craig was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Detroit, to Thomas Martin and Frances Violet (Nutt) Houser. Upon graduation from St. Charles High School in Coldwater, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Italy after World War II, from 1946 through 1947. On Aug. 26, 1950, he was united in marriage to Joan Mary Pickett. In October of 1950, he reported for active duty at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and shipped out to Korea in February 1951, where he joined the 21st Infantry. He earned the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, a Distinguished Unit Citation and in September of 1951, achieved the rank of corporal. After his return from Korea, Craig completed his bachelor of science in business administration from Mt. Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., in 1954 and soon after, was hired by class-ring manufacturer, Dieges and Clust, which was also known for producing the Heisman Trophy for the NCAA. While working for Dieges and Clust, it became apparent that Craig had a natural gift for sales. His ready smile, generous nature and engaging knack for conversation lead him to his next sales job with Commerce Clearing House, a law-reporting firm based in Chicago. Craig was a frequent sales award winner at CCH, where he excelled for 34 years until his retirement in 1991. During his retirement, he closely followed the careers and development of his children and their families with frequent get-togethers to celebrate birthdays, graduations and other accomplishments. Recently, Craig and Joan Houser celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends and family. An anniversary mass was celebrated on Aug. 29 by Fr. John Fain, followed by a reception at the Houser's home. Survivors include his wife Joan Mary Houser of Owosso; children, Timothy Houser of Owosso, Theresa (Michael) Woodbeck of Grand Rapids, Thomas (Carrie) Houser of Kalamazoo, Tamara (Michael) Zombo of Grand Rapids, Todd Houser and daughter-in-law, Michele Houser of Okemos and Tarner (Candy) Houser of Sylvania, Ohio; grandchildren, Emily (Charles) Yeo of Grand Rapids, Isaac (Laura) Woodbeck of Grand Rapids, Eli Woodbeck of Grand Rapids, Asa Woodbeck of Grand Rapids, Rachel Houser of Kalamazoo, Alison Houser of Grand Rapids, Michael Houser of Okemos, Claire Houser of Okemos, Briana, Kara and Nicholas Houser of Sylvania, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Rosabel and Evelyn Yeo of Grand Rapids and Violet and Micah Woodbeck of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law Rosemary Houser of Orange, Calif.; niece Susan (David) McNiff; nephew Patrick (Stacie) Houser; and several great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and brother Joseph A. Houser of Orange. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Catholic School Educational Trust Fund.