Obituaries

Vernon J. Stark, 80

Vernon J. Stark, 80, of East Jordan, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Jordan. Deacon Timothy J. Pilon will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Vern was born Sept. 6, 1923, in Erie, Mich., the son of Bernard and Gladys (Roberts) Stark. He graduated from Monroe High School in

He served in the Army during World War II.

Vern was a self-employed contractor in the building construction field in Erie. He had been a member of the Erie Fire Department.

On Oct. 11, 1947, in Temperance, Mich., he married Dolores Jane Sulewski. She preceded him in death Dec. 25, 1994. They moved to East Jordan in 1971.

Vern owned and operated Four Seasons Marina since 1971. He was a member of V.F.W. Post in Erie, and served as a past commander of V.F.W. Post No. 7580 in East Jordan

He enjoyed camping and traveling in his motorhome.

He is survived by four sons, David (Cindy) Stark, Doug (Teresa Stanek) Stark, Thomas (Cindy Roberts) Stark and John (Tina) Stark, all of East Jordan; two daughters, Diane (Otho) Frantz of Otisville, Judy (John) Dusha of Toledo, Ohio; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers; and special friend and close companion, Florine Antcliff, of West Branch.

Vern was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and son, Robert J. Stark on April 26, 1987.

The family will receive friends 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., in East Jordan, with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. The family will also receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of service Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Memorials may be given to V.F.W. Post No. 7580 in East Jordan.