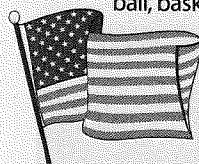


# Charles Edward Saxton

Charles Edward Saxton peacefully went to be with the Lord on Oct. 13, 2011.

He was born in East Jordan to Harry and Mary Saxton, valedictorian of his class, served in World War II in Germany, attended Alma College, majoring in education, lettered in baseball, basketball and



football, pitching for semi-pro teams in Minnesota and

Canada. In 1977, he was inducted into the Alma College Hall of Fame along with Jim Northrup.

After graduation, he taught health and gym for 27 years at Garden City, Warren Fitzgerald and Warren Lincoln, coached football and refereed basketball for many years. He enjoyed retirement, spending his time between his cottage that he built on Lake Charlevoix and wintering in McAllen, Texas, and Orange Beach, Ala. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, furniture refinishing and following the Detroit Tigers.

Charles was a hardworking, honest man who loved life, valued friendships and touched many who are mourning his loss.



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The family wishes to thank DaVita Dialysis Centers in Petoskey and Gulf Shores for taking care of him for four years.

Survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Nellie (Wilson) Saxton, his brother, Bob (Betty) of Laingsburg, his children, Charnell (Lynn Downing) of Fowlerville, Jane (Dan Hoch) of West Milford, N.J., Charles of East Jordan, Scott (Michele) of Farmington and Jill of Brighton; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Leland Wilson; and three sisters-in-law, Shirley Saxton, Elaine Saxton, and Gladys Dood. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Gayle, Richard, William, and sister, Virginia Goodman.

The funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, East Jordan.

Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan, with a wake service at 7 p.m.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Disabled American Veterans.