

# Wirt R. Bates, 94

Former East Jordan resident Wirt R. Bates, 94, of Kawkawlin, died Sunday, Sept. 17, 1989, at Midland Hospital, Midland.

Funeral will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Paullin Funeral Home, East Jordan. The Rev. David Downton will officiate and burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Mr. Bates was born Aug. 30, 1895, in Osceola County, the son of George W. and Lizzie (Norton) Bates. He resided most of his life in East Jordan, moving there from Lansing.

He married the former Lillian Mayville in 1944, in Lansing. She preceded him in death in 1978. Mr. Bates then married Vivian Fleming White in 1980 in Lapeer. She died in 1988.

Mr. Bates was a member of the

First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan and was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War I. He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting and bowling.

Survivors include: three grandchildren, Mrs. William (Pamela) Dixon of Millington, James Bates of Lansing and Harvey Bates of Louisiana; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Norman and Theresa Bates of Kawkawlin.

Mr. Bates was preceded in death by a son, Wirt R. Bates Jr. and seven brothers, Durwood, Howard, Lee, Ira, Ralph, Harold and Irwin.

Friends may call until 9 p.m. today at the Paullin Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. to time of service on Wednesday.