

Ralph Shepard Sr., 82

Ralph Shepard Sr., 82, of East Jordan, died Saturday, March 13, 1999, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at East Jordan United Methodist Church. The Revs. Eugene L. Baughan and Merlin Delo will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Ralph was born March 9, 1917, in East Jordan, son of Claude and Alice (Hott) Shepard.

On Oct. 29, 1938, he married Naomi Carey in Lewiston.

Ralph worked for the East Jordan Iron Works for 44 years, working his way from machinist to foundry superintendent and finally up to consulting engineer. He retired in 1982.

He was a member of East Jordan United Methodist Church and Jordan River Sportsman's Club. Ralph had been a Gideon since 1977. He had also served as a board member of East Jordan Health Center and councilman for the City of East Jordan.

fishing and playing music. He was known to play the organ, trumpet and baritone.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Naomi Shepard, of East Jordan; five children, Ralph Shepard Jr. of Saginaw, Allan Shepard of East Jordan, Lanny (Winnie) Shepard of Cheboygan, Phyllis (Doug) Sumner of East Jordan, Helen (Doug) Clary of Mat-tawan; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don Shepard of Florida, Robert (Marie) Shepard of East Jordan; one sister, Marian (Henry "Hank") Grutsch of East Jordan; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and twin great-grandchildren, Nicolas and Nicole Skrocki.

The family received friends 7-9 p.m. Sunday, March 14, and will from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. today, Monday, March 15, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. A memory sharing service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to East Jordan United