

Robert B. Donaldson, 78

Robert Bruce Donaldson, 78, former Charlevoix resident, died Jan. 2, 1988, at the Emmet County Medical Care Facility.

Graveside services will be held in the spring and burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Mr. Donaldson was born March 21, 1909, in East Jordan, the son of Charles and Daisy (Grossett) Donaldson.

In 1930, he moved to Charlevoix and was employed as a mechanic by Brown Motors of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix County Road Commission. In 1940, he was a marine mechanic at the Hamilton Boat Yard in Charlevoix.

In the 1950s and '60s he was employed by Cook Contracting in southeastern Michigan. In the latter part of the 1960s and the early 1970s he operated the Southgate Service Center on U.S. 31 south, Charlevoix and Coin Self Serve

laundries in Indian River and Petoskey.

In 1984, he retired from the coin laundry business and resided in Harbor Springs.

In August 1954, he married Mary Helen Hebert.

Mr. Donaldson was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Richard Donaldson of Tucson, Ariz., Charles Donaldson of Laurel, Md. and Thomas Donaldson of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Anne) Gothro of Las Vegas, Nev.; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Edna Johnston of East Jordan.

The family suggests memorials to the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Envelopes for that purpose are available at the Paullin Funeral Home, East Jordan, where arrangements are being handled.