



Donald H. Chase

October 21, 1920 - December 7, 2002

Chase, Donald 82 of Nashville, died early Saturday morning at Pennock Hospital, 12-7-02, from a fall he suffered earlier in the day at home. Mr. Chase was born on October 21, 1920 in Kalamo Township, Eaton County Michigan to the parents of Ray and Mayme Chase. His parents were deceased early in his life so Lloyd and Evelyn Hill of Vermontville took him in and helped him through the balance of his school years. Donald never forgot that huge act of kindness by the Hill family. Donald served in the Army Air Force during WW11, having been stationed in several European Countries but primarily in England. He was a sheet metal worker with the 446th Bomber Group, Eighth Air Force Division. He especially enjoyed an opportunity to fly the 'big birds' whenever they were not in active service. After the war effort was complete, Donald returned home and went to work as a sheet metal fabricator at a Eaton Rapids factory and later at the Owens Illinois glass plant, where he retired some twenty years ago. Donald was also a past member of the Vermontville American Legion. The past two decades has found him at home enjoying the exotic pheasants and peafowl he raised and showed to any one who visited his Maple Grove Bird Barn. He also loved to spend as much time as he could creating small wood working projects, in his basement. Bird houses were a particular specialty. Donald and Dora raised four sons between Vermontville and Charlotte. Surviving are David (Ginny) of Vermontville, Danny (Ann) of Columbia, Tennessee, Dallas (Shirley) of Nashville, Donald (Barbara) of Bellevue, 9 grand children, 2 step grand children, 3 great grand children, his

sisters Guest "Eddie" Traister and Leota Bradley of Battle Creek. Donald was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Dora. She was his one true love until his death. One grand child, Mayme Jean, passed away in 1988 and his nephew Larry Anderson was lost in action during the Korean Conflict. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, December 11, at 11:00 AM at the Pray Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Vaught officiating. Interment will be in the Kalamo Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 PM at the Funeral Home.