



James Elwin Briggs

December 5, 1933 - January 9, 2005

Briggs, James age 71, of Ionia died Sunday, January 9, 2005. Mr. Briggs was born December 5, 1933 in Charlotte, Michigan, the son of Nyle and Ethelwyn (Ives) Briggs. Mr. Briggs formerly owned Briggs Electric in Ionia until the early '70's. He was then employed at the Lansing State Journal for over 20 years as a Master Electrician. In his spare time he enjoyed model trains, woodworking and boating. He is survived by sons Rodney (Ronda), Bradley (Gailene), Dennis (Vicki), Scott (Michelle) Briggs all of Ionia, daughters Teressa Briggs and Chris (Kim) Rowley of Ionia, Karen (Rich) Taylor of Byron Center, 14 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, brothers William (Judy) of Battle Creek, Joseph (Connie) of Charlotte and sister Judy Hartgerink of Lansing. He was preceded in death by his wife Ardyce in 2002. Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 12 at 2:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home with Reverend Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment will be in Kalamo Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday 6-8 PM, Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 PM. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the family for a future designation.