



James Lowell Craven

May 14, 1926 - February 11, 2008

Loving brother and uncle, James L. Craven, 81, of Lansing, MI died, Monday, February 11, 2008. Mr. Craven was born May 14, 1926 in Alma, MI, the son of James and Leeona (Metcalf) Craven. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 701 of Lansing, F.O.E. Aerie 1039, Loyal Order of Moose #874, 94th Infantry Association, VFW National Home and the Military Order of Cooties. He was a member of US Constabulary, 6th Calvary Association and American Legion Post 237. Serving 20 years in the U.S. Army in Korea and WWII, Jim earned the Bronze star after retiring from the Army, he worked for Oldsmobile experimental division and retired after 20 years there. Jim was an avid bowler, dancer and golfer; and he spoke many different languages. He is survived by his sister Portia Barnett of Charlotte, MI; and 1 nephew, Jeffrey (Diana) Barnett, 2 nieces, Joy (Jack) Cummings of Charlotte and Robin (Bernie) Morgan of Eaton Rapids; 10 great nieces and nephews and 6 great great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Halina (Oleszczuk) Craven. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2008 at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Karen Wheat officiating. Interment will be at Brickyard Cemetery in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Diabetes Association, the American Lung Association or the VFW Post 701. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com