



Robert Thomas Rankin

September 18, 1930 - January 21, 2007

Robert Thomas Sr. 76, of Mt. Clemens, MI, died Sunday, January 21, 2007. Mr. Rankin was born September 18, 1930, in Bad Axe, MI, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Rankin. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Bennington in Portsmouth, VA, before working for Demmer Tool and Die in Lansing. He later opened his own machining business in Petoskey. He loved inventing, dancing, writing poetry and he published many songs. He wrote Christmas in My Michigan, which was sung at the Silver Bells in the City celebration in Lansing. He is survived by his children, Corinne (Greg) Cooper of Colorado, Robert Thomas Rankin, Jr., of Charlotte, Tammie (Steve) Pickrell of Charlotte, MI, Patricia (Larry) Robbins of Illinois, Alan (Dawn) Rankin of Howell, MI, and Verna Croze of Lansing; 17 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; siblings, Shirley Kawel of Visalia, Elizabeth Wynn of Petoskey, Michael Rankin of Sarasota, FL, and Merrie Rohm of St. Joseph, MI; former wife Phyllis Rankin, and close friend Ann Knoll. He was preceded in death by his parents; twin brother, Joseph Rankin; and sister, Dorothy Mahon. Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 26, 2007, at Pray Funeral Home with Reverend Darold Hill officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, January 25, 2007, from 6-9 p.m. with a public Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Email condolences to the family of Robert Thomas Rankin, Sr.[View memorial tribute.](#)