



## Earl L. Kraft

July 22, 1924 - December 20, 2006

KRAFT, Earl L. age 82, a lifelong resident of Utica and Sterling Heights died Wednesday, December 20, 2006; at Autumn Woods Nursing Center in Warren, Michigan. He was born, July 22, 1924; in Macomb Township, Michigan. The son of Louis and Mabel Gratopp Kraft. He married Wilma Landerschier on May 13, 1948; in Toledo, Ohio. Earl graduated from Utica High School in 1943. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army and was employed for 38 years with Church's Lumber, retiring in 1985. He also served as a volunteer with the Utica Fire Department. He was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he was active with the Trinity Golden Circle. He belonged to St. Peter's 60 Plus Club and the American Legion Post #352, Utica, Michigan. He also was the catcher for the Utica Merchants softball team for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Kraft; children, Delores "Dolly" Ireland, Gerry Joann Kraft; grandchildren, Heather Keith Mayes, Shannon Michael Behnke, Jason Mary Ireland, Nicholas Kraft, and Kristofer Kraft; great-grandson, Jeremy Ireland; and siblings, Walter Kraft and Marian Burbach. Friends may visit Thursday 5:00pm-9:00pm and Friday 2:00pm-9:00pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral, 8459 Hall Road, Utica. Mr. Kraft will lie in state at 9:45 am until funeral services at 10:30 am Saturday, December 23, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 VanDyke, Utica; with Reverend Norman Koy officiating. Burial will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. Memorials suggested to Alzheimers Association OR Trinity Lutheran Church.



# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Wilma: We are so sorry we could not come to Eatrl's funeral. It will be hard on us. We are thinking about you everyday. With Love Vera & Carol

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**Vera & Carol Allison** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Accept my sympathies on Earl's passing. I've known Earl since we were youngsters growing up in Utica and both graduating from Utica High.

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**Dayton Ziehm** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Dolly and family, I am very sad to hear of the loss of your father. I have lost my parents in the last few years and know the pain you must feel. But I know that from the stories you have told us of your dad, that he will live on in strong and wonderful memories that you have. He is at peace now and my thoughts and prayers are with you, your mom, and your family. Kevin

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**Kevin Dill** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM