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Joseph S. Bettencourt, age 91, passed away peacefully on August 26, 2008 at Swan Creek Healthcare Center.

Joe was born on July 27, 1917 in Lawrence, MA. To Bertha (Perreira) and Joseph Bettencourt and he spent his career working as an Electrician in the construction industry and was a proud member of I.B.E.W. Local #58 in Detroit, MI. Joe married the love of his life, Dorothy Burgess, on May 17, 1947 and together they had 4 children. In his retirement years, he enjoyed swimming, dancing, traveling, playing cards and sports, especially University of Michigan football and, most importantly, spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 39 years, Dorothy; children Lawrence, Linda and an infant daughter. Joe is survived by his daughter Jane (Jim) Berger; daughter-in-law Diane Bettencourt; grandchildren Bryan Bettencourt, Alyssa, Caroline and Abby Berger.

There will be no visitation or services held in Toledo. Joe will lie in-state on Saturday, August 30, 2008 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18201 23 Mile Rd., Macomb, MI 48042, (586)286-1700, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Burial will be private. Local funeral arrangements are being made by Coyle Funeral Home.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the loving and

expert care given by the staff at Swan Creek, especially those working in the Special Care Unit and the 2nd floor nursing care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may take the form of contributions to the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio or to Swan Creek Health Care Center.