



## Alex Saarela

March 23, 1923 - October 25, 2005

ALEX SAARELA SHEBOYGAN- Alex J. Saarela age 82 of Sheboygan, formerly of Norway died Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital, Iron Mountain, MI. He was born in Bessemer, MI. on March 23, 1923 the son of the late Alex and Aino (Wiinamaki) Saarela. Alex served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Margaret Donahue in April of 1992 in Norway. She preceded him in death on November 6, 2004. Alex was an electrician and retired from LoDal, Inc. in Kingsford. He is survived by his step-sons Howard Ecker of California and Paul Ecker of Norway; step-daughters Linda (Gene) Raber of Baltimore, MD., and Sherry Ecker of Sheboygan, WI.; step-grandchildren Robert and Christopher Raber, Andrea and Robert Noon, Dawn Whitney, Rhyan Zimmerman, Paul Ecker, II., Tiffany Ecker, Derick Ecker; step great-grandchildren Laura, Mary, Rachel Whitney; several nieces and nephews. Alex was preceded in death by his brother Tauno Saarela, sisters Saimi Gattrra and Taimi Preston. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 29 at 1 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Norway, with Rev. John Voelker officiating. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.