



Alfred E. "Gene" Cockeram

April 30, 1924 - February 11, 2016

Alfred E. "Gene" Cockeram of Cadillac passed away Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Belle Oakes Living Center in Lake City. He was 91.

Gene was born April 30, 1924 in Cadillac to Alfred N. and Margaret L. (Foster) Cockeram and they preceded him in death. On September 24, 1948 in Cadillac he married the former Juanita K. Wortley and she preceded him in death on January 14, 2004.

Mr. Cockeram graduated from Cadillac High School in 1942. He served in the United States Army during World War II. Gene worked as a boat builder and carpenter all his career. He was employed at Chris Craft for 23 years, was a finish carpenter for 10 years and retired from Four Winns after 13 years. Mr. Cockeram was a member of Minar Bible Church in Mesick. He enjoyed vegetable gardening, wood working, camping and traveling.

On January 29, 2007 in Mesick, Michigan he married the former Meda M. Whaley- Katerberg and she survives him along with his children: Lorena (Jack) Tompkins, Terry (Dortha) Cockeram all of Cadillac, Robin (Kathleen) Cockeram of Tustin, Ruthann Little of Port St. Lucia, Florida; stepchildren: Michael (Cindy) Whaley, David (Vickie) Whaley, Dawn (Michael) Gutierrez, Darlene (John) Woodbury, Laci Cash; daughter in law, Kim Cockeram of Cadillac; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-

grandchild and many step grandchildren; great- grandchildren and two nieces and one nephew.

In addition to his parents and first wife he was preceded in death by a son, James Cockeram and a sister, Lorena (Forrest) Ivey.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 15, 2016 at the Minar Bible Church in Mesick with Pastor Bruce Rose officiating. Friends may meet the family Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Minar Bible Church Building Programs. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene was a good man* ”

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