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Robert Neal Ashenfelter, 80, passed away Wednesday morning March 23, 2011 at his home in Tecumseh, MI, after battling cancer. He was born November 16, 1930 in Morenci, MI to Jeanette (Fickley) and Jess Ashenfelter. He married Leona (Cattell) on November 17, 1952. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving with the U.S. Army from August 1950 to July 31, 1953. He was a sergeant for three years in the regular Army in the sixth armored division at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Bob retired from the

Tecumseh Products in January of 1991. He and Leona attended St. Elizabeth parish in Tecumseh, MI. He loved spending time with his family. One of his favorite family activities was the traditional family camping trips every year. He also enjoyed deer hunting, spending time on his tractor, and fixing things around the house. Survivors include his two daughters, Karen (Mark) Maddox of Jackson and Annette (Randy) Escott of Manitou Beach; seven grandchildren, Susan (Brad) Coffinger of Jackson, Robert (Tammy) Maddox of Eaton Rapids, Jennifer (Brayden) Kerr of Tecumseh, Kristina (Dan) Ryan of Clayton, Matt Escott of Adrian, Brett Ashenfelter of Knoxville, TN and Kaylin Ashenfelter of Knoxville, TN; Four great grandchildren, Caitlin Coffinger, Madison Azelton, Alexander Kerr, and Annabelle Kerr; brothers, Jess (Tilly) Ashenfelter of Tecumseh and Charles (Dorothy) Ashenfelter of Tecumseh and sisters Jeanette Gritzmaker of Tecumseh and Frances Lewis of Adrian. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leona; son, Roger; parents; sister, Andrea Drum; brothers, Harvey and William Ashenfelter and his dog of nineteen years, Charlie. A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held 10:00 A. M. Saturday, March 26, 2011 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Tecumseh with Fr. Daniel Wheeler as Celebrant. Burial will follow in Lenawee Hills Memorial Park, Adrian with military honors by the Michigan Army National Guard Honor Guard Team. Visitation will be 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 P. M Friday, March 25, 2011 at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. A Scripture Service will be held at 7:30 P. M. Friday at the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be made at www.pursefuneralhome.com

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