

John Gray

Mr. John Gray, 70, of 718½ W. 18th St., LaPorte, died Sunday, Aug. 25, 1991, at 3 a.m. at his home.

He was born Feb. 2, 1921, in LaPorte, to Emil and Tekla (Omilanowska) Gray, and lived here most of his life, spending winters in Florida since 1983. Mr. Gray was a member of the First Baptist Church; Port Charlotte, Fla., Elks Lodge; was past master of Excelsior Lodge 41, F&AM; graduated from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 1950; was an Army-Air Force veteran of World War II, during which he earned a Purple Heart and was a prisoner of war; was a member of the DAV and Hamon Gray American Legion; Hubner Swanson VFW Post 1130 and retired in 1983 after 30 years at Bendix Corp., where he was a project engineer.

On July 24, 1945, in Sioux Falls, S.D., he married V. Jean Benson, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Jo Ellen Jongkind, of LaPorte; one son, Dr. David A., of LaPorte; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter one niece and five nephews. One sister, Kathryn Martin, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at Pine Lake Cemetery, by Rev. Don Kakavec. Friends may call at the Cutler Funeral Home Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. The remains will be cremated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DAV.