



## Louis L. Boettcher

June 25, 1925 - April 20, 2011

Louis L. Boettcher, 85, of St. Joseph died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at the Royalton Manor in Royalton Township.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, April 26, at the Stevensville United Methodist Church with Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Monday at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the SW Michigan Humane Society or Lakeland Hospice.

Louis was born on June 25, 1925 in Benton Harbor to Ludwig and Mildred Boettcher. He played football in high school and played on a semi-pro football league after high school with his brother, Al. He married his wife, Ella, in 1944 and she preceded him in death in 2003. Together they celebrated 59 years of marriage. Louis was employed at Whirlpool for over 37 years and retired in 1984. He was a member of the Benton Harbor Moose Lodge #1570. Louis was an active sportsman starting in high school with football and continued through out his life with his participation in golfing, bowling, walking and biking which he enjoyed. He also enjoyed playing bingo. Louis was a caring, friendly person who always had a smile on his face.

He is survived by his children, Jeanine (David) Sillaway of Boynton Beach, FL;

Kurt Boettcher of St. Joseph; Nanette (Hugh) Black of St. Joseph; Mark (Lori) Boettcher of St. Joseph, and Barbara (Joe Sigers) Treas of Minneapolis; his grandchildren, Greg (Jackie) Sillaway, Kerry Burger, Chris Sillaway, Joshua Boettcher, Nicole Boettcher, Erik Boettcher, Andrew Boettcher, and Jessica Boettcher; and his great grandchildren, Chandler Sillaway, Connor Sillaway, and Kylee Burger. He was also preceded in death by a son, Paul, in 2001, a grandson, Jeff Sillaway in 1988; his brothers, Art, Al, and William and his sisters, Elsie Bryant and Tina Boettcher.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013  
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## Service

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stevensville United Methodist Church  
5506 Ridge Rd.  
Stevensville, MI