

John E. Graveline, 80, of Gladwin, passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 15, 1927, in Detroit to Manzel and Anna (Kaniecki) Graveline. John managed to complete high school in time to join the U.S. Marines to serve his country during World War II in China. He married the former Elizabeth Heffron on Nov. 8, 1947, in Detroit. They came to Coleman in 1955 and Gladwin in 1984. John worked as plant manager for Kal & Alma Plastics, which became United Technologies in Beaverton, retiring in 1987. After retiring John graduated from Mid Michigan Community College with an associates degree in the Visual Arts. He served on the college board of trustees. John was very active in his community. Starting in Coleman, he was on the committee to procure ambulance service to Coleman. He was on the United Way committee for Gladwin County and also served on the board of the Mid Michigan Medical Center-Gladwin, and the Gladwin Pines which he was chairman. He was active in Gladwin Rotary, being past president and received the Paul Harris Award. He served as usher at St. Joseph Parish in West Branch, St. Phillips in Coleman and his current church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gladwin. He was also a member of the K of C # 5280 in Gladwin.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; one son, Paul and Cathryn Graveline of Gladwin; three daughters, Michele Graveline of Newaygo, Martha Winchell of Grand Rapids, and Elise and Ed Hilton of Sparta; 27 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. John was predeceased by one brother, Daniel; and two sisters, Ruth Crest and Marie Pare.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gladwin. Fr. John Cotter will officiate, and burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Gladwin.

Friends may call at the Sisson Funeral Home in Gladwin on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of Mass.