

## Orris W. Corey

**EVART Orris W. Corey of Evart died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002 at Mecosta County General Hospital. He was 82.**

**Mr. Corey was born June 15, 1920 in Evart to George W. and Lydia Kitty (Lauman) Corey. He married Phyllis Ann Frey on July 2, 1951 in Angola, Ind.**

**He graduated in 1938 from Evart High School and began serving his funeral directors apprenticeship with his father. Mr. Corey attended Wayne State University, earning his funeral directors degree in 1946. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army serving during World War II.**

**Mr. Corey owned and operated Corey Funeral Home in Evart following his fathers death in 1954. He retired in 2000 and continued to work when he was able.**

**He was a lifelong member of the V.F.W. Post 7979 in Evart as well as the treasurer of the Evart Lions Club for over 40 years. He served on the board of directors for the First National Bank of Evart for over 20 years and was a member of the Evart United Methodist Church.**

**Mr. Corey is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughters, Kitty (Jeff) Gardner of Kalamazoo and Mary Lou (Levi) Guy of Naperville, Ill.; sons, Mark (Mary Ann) Corey of Marion and Jeff Corey of Beverly Hills; grandchildren, Beth (Brandon) Oberhaus, Ryan Gardner, Emily Gardner, Alison Gardner, Eliza Corey, Eric McLachlan, Jamie McLachlan and Lucas Guy; several nieces and nephews; and special niece, Billie Leist of Elkhart, Ind.**

**He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Vernabelle Tyler and Dorothy Faber; and two brothers, Gerald and an infant.**

