

James R. Cochran, 78, of Troy, Mich., formerly of Oak Park and of Franklin, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital.

He was born Feb. 26, 1929, in Franklin, to Homer and Prella Welch Cochran.

He graduated high school in North Carolina and was a police officer for the City of Birmingham for 29 years. Formerly, he had been a plant foreman with General Motors Corp. He was a U.S. Army veteran from 1950 to 1953, with the rank of staff sergeant.

Surviving are his wife, Freda Demitrakopoulou Cochran; a daughter, Karen (James) Ogles of Florida; two sons, Gary (Angie) of Las Vegas and Steven (Cindy) of Troy; sisters, Betty (Doug) Horton, Katrina Brantley, Helen DiPasquale, Carolyn (Bill) Martin and Nancy Haithcock; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister, Jeanette Martin, and a brother, William Cochran.

Services are being held privately.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237.

A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.obit.desmondfuneralhome.com.

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