

## **Hyzer, J. Wilford**

Mr. J. Wilford Hyzer, 90, lifelong resident of Port Austin, died Monday, June 24, 2002 at Nottingham Place in Grand Blanc. He was born December 1, 1911 in Bad Axe to the late Robert A. and Mary Mable (Mayhew) Hyzer. Wilford married Virginia R. Hebert at St. Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw in 1934. They were married 64 years until her death in 1998. He lived as a farmer in Hume Township all of his life after leaving the foundry in Saginaw in the late 1930's. He was the Huron County dog warden, a Marine officer, and a Pigeon town police officer. He was also involved in the Leader Dog for the Blind program. Wilford loved music and dancing. He played fiddle and harmonica for dances and called square dances for many years. He loved baseball, especially the Detroit Tigers. He umpired many town teams and school games. Wilford was a little league coach and a Boy Scout leader. He served on the North Huron School Board in Kinde. He was a member of St. Felix Catholic Church in Pinnebog for sixty years. He sang in the choir for several years and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by three sons, Dale Hyzer and his wife, Monica, of Fairview, David Hyzer and his wife, Diane, of Bad Axe, Ron Hyzer and his wife, Deborah, of Port Austin; five daughters, Jacqueline Koroleski and her husband, Anthony, of Kinde, Mary Moore and her husband, Robert, of Burton, Catherine Rayl and her husband, Raymond, of Concord, Joan Opperman and her husband, James, of Portland, Beverly Stanley and her husband, Joseph, of Waterford; one brother, Robert Hyzer and his wife, Fredia, of Caseville; four sisters, Frances McBride of Caseville, Mildred Dreier of Plainwell, Margaret Wahl of Saginaw, Clara Mae King of Saginaw; brother-in-law Peter Hebert and his wife, June, of Bad Axe, two sisters-in-law, Florine Parkham and her husband, Ed, of Caseville, Winifred English of Lansing; 36 grandchildren and 62 great-grandchildren. Wilford was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; one daughter, Sharon Smith; three grandchildren, one great-grandchild; two brothers, Harry and Donald, and one sister, Jean. Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2002 at St. Felix Church in Pinnebog. Fr. Joseph Schabel will officiate. Rosary will be conducted by the Knights of Columbus at 7 p.m. Thursday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel in Kinde. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Felix Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Matthew Hyzer, Travis Opperman, Alan Koroleski, Duane Rayl, Logan Stanley, Edward Hyzer, Kenneth Hyzer, Ron Moore, and Steve Koroleski. Memorials may be offered to Kingwood Christ Ministries in Houston, Texas or Leader Dogs for the Blind.