

Howard, Robert W.

Robert W. Howard, 80, of Caseville, died Sunday, September 10, 2006, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon of complications from Parkinson's Disease. Bob was born April 15, 1926 in Standish to the late Bert and Edith (Maynard) Howard. He grew up and worked on the family farm on Howard Road, east of Caseville. As a young farmer, he would drive a team of horses before the family had a tractor to work the fields. He married Emma Guza of Bad Axe on October 24, 1953 in Caseville. He worked many years farming and he retired from Bushey Brothers Tiling. He was a member of the Caseville United Methodist Church and a former member of the Caseville Eagles. He enjoyed square dancing and spending his winters in Port Charlotte, Florida. Bob is survived by his wife, Emma; children, Georgia (Joe) Auer, of Caseville, Gregory, of Seattle, Michael of Fullerton, California, and Mary (Stefan Cieply) of Charlottesville, Virginia.; grandchildren, Sara, Becky and J.J.; and 10 brothers and sisters: Bertha (Steven) Gillingham, of California, Clayton (Joan), of Clio, Jean Hunt, of Bad Axe, Richard (Hallie), of Clio, Charles (Gretchen), of Frankenmuth, Dale, of Bad Axe, Joyce Sommerfeld, of Kalamazoo, Gary (Maxine), of Goodrich, Sharon (Ala) Kumaus, of Freeland, and Janice (Robert) Martinez, of California. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2006, at the Caseville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Philip Voss officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel of Caseville and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at church. Memorials may be made to the Caseville United Methodist Church's Helping Hands. Condolences may be shared online at www.cfcCaseville.com