

## **Partaka, John**

Mr. John Partaka, 87, of Palms passed away Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at Autumnwood of Deckerville. John was born Feb. 20, 1915, in Parisville to the late John and Caroline (Bureiza) Partaka. He married Isabel Danielski on Oct. 29, 1938, at St. Mary Catholic Church of Parisville. She preceded him in death on March 13, 1995. John was a graduate of a country school. He farmed in Minden until 1980. He was a member of the Paris Township Board of Review. He was the vice president of the Ugly Community Schools Board of Education for 12 years. He was a parishioner at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Palms since 1980. He was a former member of St. Mary Parish in Parisville, as well as a former member of St. Mary Ushers and Men's Club. He was a lifelong member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council #3823. He enjoyed hunting, crossword puzzles, euchre and snowmobiling with the Huron Line Snow Goers Club. John is survived by four daughters: Patricia Affer of Minden City, Joan Staroska and her husband, Thomas, of Columbiaville, Sherre Hendrick and her husband, Scott, of Saginaw, Mary Sanders and her husband, Mark, of Haslett; three sons, John Partaka of Minden City, William Partaka and his wife, Velma, of Oxford, Joseph Partaka and his wife, Barbara, of Minden City; 24 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by one son, Edward; one granddaughter, Michelle Gobie; two brothers, William and Edward; seven sisters, Bertha Sabo, Frances Walegor, Emma Zmich, Clara Blocker, Martha Salowitz, Lucy Zdrojewski, Virginia Pariseau; one son-in-law, Ronald Affer. Funeral mass for John Partaka will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Palms. The Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church, and Sr. Betty Zeestraten, pastoral administrator of St. Patrick's, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Mary Cemetery of Parisville. There will be a parish vigil service at 4 p.m. Sunday and a rosary by the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council #3823 at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Smigielski Funeral Home in Minden City. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials requested for St. Patrick's Building Fund or the American Cancer Foundation.