

Holdwick, Robert

Mr. Robert C. Holdwick, 81, of Ruth died Monday morning, Nov. 13, 2000, at St. Mary's Center in Saginaw. He was born Oct. 15, 1919, in Ruth, son of the late Henry and Anna (Bischer) Holdwick. He married Irene Volmering on Oct. 8, 1947, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Ruth. He was a graduate of SS. Peter and Paul Elementary School. He farmed until Feb. 2, 1942. He then served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater until Oct. 16, 1945. He worked at Booms Silo for one year and at Midwest Rubber for 10 years as a machine operator and retired in 1972. He then farmed until he retired in 1989. He was the Adjutant for the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740 and an honorary life member. He was a lifelong parishioner of SS. Peter and Paul Church of Ruth. He was a member of various euchre clubs and was the Sherman Township Percipitation Authority. He enjoyed traveling. He and his wife of 53 years lived their entire married life on a farm near Ruth. He is survived by his wife, Irene, of Ruth; three sons, Russell Holdwick, Sr., and his wife, Cheryl, of Clinton Township, Duane Holdwick and his wife, Rhonda, of Lake Orion, and Mark Holdwick Sr., and his wife, Cheryl, of Corona, Calif.; five daughters, Jean Peruski of Saginaw, Carol Sparks of Saginaw, Rosalie Sparks of Harrison, Ohio, Bonnie Gainor and her husband, Douglas, of Bad Axe, and Elaine Aernie and her husband, Dennis, of Parchment; 17 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lenore Kups and her husband, Stanley, of Sterling Heights, and and Magdelene Stacer and her husband, Merlin, of Ruth; three brothers, Roman "Red" Holdwick and his wife, Clarann, of Harbor Beach, Leo Holdwick and his wife, Shirley, of Ruth, and Joseph Holdwick and his wife, Loraine, of Ruth; and one brother-in-law, Harold Stacer of Ruth. He was preceded in death by a sister, Loretta Stacer; two infant brothers, Clement and John; and a granddaughter, Tina Peruski. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Ruth. The Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740. There will be a parish wake service by Fr. Steve Gavit at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Visitation will be 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. this evening, from 1 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, and from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.