

Goretski, Michael R.

Michael Robert Goretski, 92, of Port Austin, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at his home. He was born on September 12, 1911 in Dwight Township, son of the late Andrew and Mary (Ignash) Goretski. Michael and Julia Gannons were married on February 11, 1944 in St. Patrick's Church in Brighton. Michael was a life-long farmer. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. He served on the Port Austin Board of Education for 12 years and on the Volunteer Firemen's Board of Trustees for nearly 30 years. His favorite pastime was the game of euchre. Michael is survived by his wife, Judy, of Port Austin; five of their seven children, Michael Goretski, Jr., and his wife, Kathy, of Howell, Kathleen Diaz and her husband, Tim, of Ogalala, Nebraska, Kevin Goretski and special friend, Bonnie Prill, of Port Austin, Mary Williams and her husband, John, of Brighton, and Bridget Harris and her husband, Robert, of Novi; one son-in-law, Robert Steinman, of East Lansing; one daughter-in-law, Grace Goretski, of Howell; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Elizabeth "Bess" Guillespi, of Florida. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Colleen Steinman, formerly of East Lansing; one son, Sean Patrick Goretski, formerly of Howell; and one brother, Philip, formerly of Port Austin. A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Pare', pastor. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. There will be a vigil led by Sister Margaret Ann Roggenbuck at 7 p.m. today at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Donations may be made to Heartland Hospice.