



**Robert “Bob” J. Gorkowski**, age 78, lifelong resident of Lincoln Township, passed away Sunday, November 6, 2011 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Saginaw.

He was born March 14, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Peter and Celia (Maday) Gorkowski.

Robert and Stella Ventline were united in marriage on October 25, 1958 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church by Fr. Henry S. Podsaid.

He attended the Filion School and Kinde High School. Bob was a lifelong member of St. Mary’s in Kinde and a member of the Holy Name Society. As a young man he worked in Detroit and Elkton for a short period of time before he started farming at the age of 19 and continued to farm the rest of his life. He had many talents, including electrical, plumbing and mechanical work. Bob was a skilled carpenter and built most of his barns and sheds on his farm and did many remodeling projects in and around his home. He served on the Lincoln Township Hall Board, the Kinde Fire Board, ASC Agriculture Stabilization, and enjoyed listening to polka music, puzzles, and playing euchre with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Stella; six children, Debra (Darryl) Engel of St. Charles, ILL., Frank (Linda) Gorkowski of Filion, , Cynthia (Michael) Miller of Eagan, MN., James (Jackie) Gorkowski of Hudson, FL., John (Mary) Gorkowski of Filion, and Susan (Robert) Attwell of Marquette, MI.; 21 grandchildren, Melissa, Jeffrey, Christy,

Amanda, Danielle, Janelle, Jacob, Ashley, Kyle, Sean, Sarah, Kayla, Keagen, Kazmier, Adam, Cory, Josh, Lance, Calvin, Cecelia and Diedra; 3 great-grandchildren, Tyler, Hannah and Owen; one brother, Eugene Gorkowski of Bad Axe; two sisters, Delphine McEachin of Ubly, and Christine (Clarence) Rutkowski of Ubly.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Laura Miller; two sisters, Irene Ignash and Bernie Young; one brother, Peter Gorkowski.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kinde.

Visitation will be from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday with rosary at 6:00 p.m. and scripture at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 am. at the MacAlpine - Gage Chapel in Kinde, Michigan.

Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.