

Essenmacher, Arthur

Arthur C. Essenmacher, 83, of Harbor Beach, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2003, at his home with hospice care. Born in Harbor Beach on June 3, 1920, he was the son of the late William and Agnes (Lorkowski) Essenmacher. He attended the East Huron Country School near Helena and was taught by Myra Pangman. Arthur later became the school board president for the Schulte School where Myra was the teacher and she eventually taught all of Art and Agnes' children. On November 17, 1945, Art Essenmacher and Agnes Abraham were united in marriage in St. Mary's Church in Parisville. Art was a lifelong farmer in the Harbor Beach area and started in a career in commercial real estate in 1967 with the John A. Rowling Company of Port Huron. He later obtained his broker license in Warren and established his own real estate firm, Beach Real Estate, where he maintained a long time relationship with Attorney Mike Larco. He retired from farming in 1983 and from real estate in 1999, although he maintained his license through 2002. He was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach, various card clubs including Club 62, and the Real Estate Brokers Association. He was a former Farm Bureau member, former Huron Intermediate School District board member, and a former board member of the Michigan Sugar Company in Croswell. Arthur is survived by his wife, Agnes Essenmacher, of Harbor Beach; his children, Regina Wruble and her husband, Bob, of Harbor Beach, Bill Essenmacher and his wife, Mary Jane, of Tuscon, Arizona, Maggie McQueen and special friend, Duane Roggenbuck, of Harbor Beach, Tom Essenmacher and his wife, Janine, of Essexville, Carol Essenmacher, of Battle Creek, Lorene Wessels and her husband, Scott, of Harbor Beach, Mark Essenmacher and his wife, Cathy, of Harbor Beach; 22 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Eleanor Geiger and her husband, Bernard, of Ruth, Verna Wood, of Harbor Beach, and Edna Krueger and her husband, David, of Harbor Beach, many nieces, nephews and cousins; sisters-in-law, Marion Essenmacher and Catherine Essenmacher, both of Harbor Beach, and Janice Erdman, of Minden City; brother and sister-in-law, Dorothy and Henry Elandt, of Bad Axe, and Mayme Abraham, of Harbor Beach. Art was preceded in death by a son, Clements Essenmacher; daughters, Agnes and Brenda Jo; son-in-law, Donald James McQueen; and three brothers, Donald, David, and Howard Essenmacher. Funeral mass will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2003, in Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, Harbor Beach, with burial in the church cemetery. A parish vigil service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. A Daughters of Isabella Rosary will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the church.