

Becker, Charles

Charles Gene Becker, 63, of Ubyly died Sunday, March 11, 2001, in Hills and Dales General Hospital. He was born on January 23, 1938, in Delavin, Ill. to Charles Archibald and Verna (Stevens) Becker. He married Carol Keyser on Nov. 22, 1958, in Cass City. Charles hauled cattle and bred, raised and trained horses. He was a horse trader. He and his wife owned and operated the Becker Zoo on Cass City Road. Charles was active with 4-H particularly with horse related activities. He was one of the last "true" cowboys. Charles enjoyed the county fairs, particularly the Sanilac County Fair. Charles is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Charles Becker Jr. and his wife, Cheryl, of Deckerville, Tammy Becker and her friend, Harold Dondineau, and James Becker and his wife, Linda, of Ubyly; grandchildren, Jennifer and Jason Schulz, Leann Walsh, Nicole Cook, Kyle, Kayla, Nicholas, and Jesse Becker, Jeff and Jennifer Bryce; brothers and sisters, Orville, Mervin and Stella Becker, Delores Davis and her husband, Alfred, and Vera Becker; mother-in-law, Martha Keyser; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother, Ben Becker; father-in-law, Hiram Keyser; and his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City with the Rev. David Edwards of Cass City Missionary Church officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery in Cass City. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Charlie Becker Gymkhana Award.