

**Maurer, Haven E.**

Mr. Haven E. Maurer, 72, of Ubly, passed away early Tuesday morning, July 7, 2009 at his residence.

He was born March 25, 1937 in Paris Township to the late Anthony J. "Tony" and Irene (Bukowski) Maurer.

He married Caroline Shubert Sept. 10, 1966 in Mt. Clemens.

Haven was a 1955 graduate of Ubly High School. He went to a trade school for aviation mechanics. He worked for Gene Kosal Construction in Dearborn as a cement finisher. Haven owned and operated Maurer Construction Company for 38 years, working in agricultural construction. He retired in 2003. He spent two and a half years in Elsie, developing the first methane farm, Green Meadow Farms. He was a volunteer fireman for 10 years for the Bingham Township Fire Department. He was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly, where he was an usher and former president of the parish council. Haven was one of the founding members of the Huron Aviation Club. He was a member of the Ubly Fox Hunters Club. Haven was an avid dragster in his younger years, running the circuit for years, including the Ubly Dragway. Haven sponsored the Maurer Construction bowling team and enjoyed bowling for many years in Ubly. He enjoyed playing baseball, fishing, flying, playing cards, polka music, playing his accordion and was an avid Detroit Tigers Fan.

Haven is survived by his wife of 42 years, Caroline, of Ubly; three daughters, Nancy Maurer of Cleveland, Ohio, Mary Maurer and her special friend, Ernie Klee, of Ubly, Kathy Kociba and her husband, Robert, of Ubly; two granddaughters, Amanda and Andrea of Ubly.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2009 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.