Smith, Raymond L.

Mr. Raymond L. Smith, 79, of Ubly, formerly of Montrose, passed away Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 at his residence under Hospice Care.

Mr. Smith was born Aug. 31, 1929 in Flint, son of the late Harry Ernest and Angelina (LaRose) Smith.

He married Barbara May Mooney Jan. 8, 1955 at St. Mary in Flint.

Raymond graduated from St. Mary of Flint Elementary School and attended Flint Central High School. He was employed at General Motors for 31 1/2 years at the Old Chevrolet plant in Flint. Mr. Smith was a parishioner of St. John Catholic Church in Ubly for 12 years. He was a member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823. Raymond loved to work in his work shop, the yard, the garden and on his house. He was an avid bird watcher.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Ubly; seven children, James J. Smith of Ubly, Ramona M. Stewart and her husband, Donald, of Columbiaville, Sheldon R. Smith of Port Hope, Sylvia A. Taylor and her husband, Scott, of Montrose, Maria L. Kearly and her husband, Mark, of Clio, Mary K. Polk of Detour Village, Raymond L. Smith, II of Flint; 19 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified of Ada, Catherine Green and her husband, Hugh, of Swartz Creek.

He was preceded in death by his son, Anthony R. Smith, on April 19, 2003.

Funeral Mass for Mr. Smith will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate.

Visitation will be from 1 until 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 until 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. There will be a Rosary by the Daughters of Isabella, Fidelis Regina Circle No. 608 at 3 p.m. Wednesday, a rosary by the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823 at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and a Parish Vigil service at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home.