

**Gretz, James**

James Gretz, 76, of Decker, died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was born July 26, 1929 in Applegate, son of the late George and Verna (Verb) Gretz. He married Mary Alice O'Connor on December 1, 1956 in Pinnebog. Mr. Gretz was a lifelong area farmer of Sanilac County. He enjoyed farming, gardening, reading, working on cars, remodeling homes, and most of all, his family. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Alice, of Decker; two sons, Jim and Julie Gretz, of Great Bend, Kansas, Tom Gretz and his fiancée, Louise Northrop, of Deford; one grandson, Garrett; and one granddaughter, Jordon Gretz, of Great Bend, Kansas; sister, Ann Papp, of Cass City; sister-in-law, Dorothy Gretz, of Bad Axe. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Mike, Andy, Gaza, Steve, George, Charles, and Joe Gretz; and a sister, Helen Nemeth. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at the St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City with Fr. Steve Fillion officiating. Burial will be in the Elkland Cemetery in Cass City. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday at the church. A Rosary service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials may be donated to the family.