

Hebert, Ernest

Ernest F. Hebert, 90, of Chandler Township near Elkton, died Monday evening, April 14, 2003, at his home. He was born May 23, 1912 in Lake Township at the home of his parents, the late John and Harriett (Mousseau) Hebert. On Jan. 19, 1933, he was united in marriage to Bernice Leneway at St. Felix Catholic Church in Pinnebog. She preceded him in death on Sept. 8, 1962. On Jan. 29, 1966, he married Margaret Kuhl, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon. Ernie was the first police officer in Caseville, the job also included DPW superintendent, repairing water mains, streets and sidewalks. His first patrol car was a 1941 Kaiser that he purchased himself for \$1,800. While on patrol one day, he was called to Sand Point to quiet down some rowdies. According to Ernie, one of the subjects didn't see things Ernie's way and began choking him. Ernie said, he was able to get his weapon and told the subject that if he didn't quit choking him, he would shoot him. Someone came and assisted and the disturbance ended. He also served as fire chief, checked the village water pressure daily and read the water meters. Ernie served Caseville 16 years from 1942 to 1958. He was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. Ernie enjoyed hunting, fishing, and music. He could play the banjo, tenor violin, guitar and the accordion. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, Kenneth of Las Vegas, Nev., Dale and his wife, Prisella, of Caseville; twelve daughters, Pat Young and her husband, John, of Harbor Beach, Evelyn Samuel and her husband, Robert, of Prudenville, Margie Opanasenko of Lansing, Joann Senter and her husband, Robert, of Port Austin, Joyce Deering of Caseville, Geraldine Bassett and her husband, Paul, of Grand Blanc, Audrey Boehmer and her husband, Gary, of Dearborn Heights, Judy Shadburn of Fall River, Mass., Elaine Evans and her husband, Steve, of Bloomington, Ill., and Carol, Sharon and Wanda Hebert all of Mount Pleasant; 106 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Amelia Oberine of Saginaw, and Bonnie Castle of San Diego, Calif. He was preceded in death by two sons, Ernest A. and Alfred; a grandson, Jason; and an infant son. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2003, at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville. The Rev. Fr. Kenneth Yaroch, pastor, will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday at the church. There will be no visitation on Easter Sunday. Memorials may be given to the family.