

## **Grifka, Jerry**

Mr. Jerry Harold Grifka, 63, of Ubly passed away suddenly on Monday, March 12, 2001, at his residence. He was born on June 21, 1937, in Ubly to the late Mike and Agnes (Pionk) Grifka. He married Marie Rumptz on Jan. 9, 1965, at St. John Catholic Church of Ubly. He was a graduate of Ubly High School, Class of 1956, and enjoyed all high school sports. He worked at Nestle Condenser for ten years. He worked with electrical contractors in the Flint area for a few years and then worked with John Carlo, Ajax and Axe Asphalt Companies. He was a former director and member of the Ubly Fox Hunters Club and a parishioner and usher of St. John Catholic Church in Ubly for many years. He was a little league coach and a member of Biff's and Tyll's Tavern Bowling Teams. He enjoyed golf, farming, euchre and his grandchildren and family. He is survived by his wife, Marie, of Ubly; one daughter, Tina Olshove of Davidson; two sons, Darrell Grifka and his fiancée, Virginia Vanky of Wichita, Kan., David Grifka and his wife, Denise, of Ubly; seven grandchildren, Nichole, Adam and Mason Olshove, Jenna, Jamie, Jerry, and Grace Grifka; four brothers, Henry Grifka of Ubly, Ervin Grifka of Detroit, Michael Grifka and his wife, Helen, of Ubly, William Grifka and his wife, Sandy, of Ubly; four sisters, Anastasia Fisher and her husband, Marvin of N. Fort Meyers, Fla., Bernadine Jansen of N. Fort Meyers, Fla., Gloria Schelke of Ubly and Linda Tate and her husband, Robert, of Pigeon. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Tammy, on Sept. 18, 1971; two sisters, Lillian Krug and Patricia Grifka; one brother, Bernard Grifka; one sister-in-law, Bertha Grifka; and two brothers-in-law, Robert Jansen, and Edward Rumptz. Mass of Christian burial for Jerry Grifka will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2001, at St. John Catholic Church of Ubly with the Rev. T. J. Fleming, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. There will be a parish wake service at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Visitation will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tonight, from 1 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, and from 8 to 9 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.