

LaFave, Paul J.

Paul Joseph LaFave, 81, of Gagetown, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 at St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw.

He was born Nov. 30, 1926 in Gagetown to the late Herbert and Alice (Rocheleau) LaFave. Paul LaFave and the former Donna Koenig were united in marriage Aug. 22, 1953 at St. Stephens in Saginaw. He was a prominent farmer, retiring in 1988. He was a member of St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Gagetown and the Parish Council. He also was a member of the Elks in Essexville, was politically active as a Michigan delegate in the Republican Party, and was a supporter of the Octagon Barn, where he contributed antique farm implements. Paul enjoyed dancing and loved baseball, where he was known as "Spider."

He is survived by his wife, Donna; two sons, three daughters and their spouses, John (Pamela) LaFave of Cass City, Robert (Renee) LaFave of Birch Run, Deborah (Kenneth) Haag of Unionville, Jeanne (Jim) Brinkman of Cass City and Cindy (Cas) Jurek of Kinde; 11 grandchildren, Scott (Julie) Haag and Adam Haag, Austin (Heather) Brinkman and Anthony Brinkman, Paris and Kurt Jurek, Estee (Ben) Zimba, Andrew and Kent LaFave, and Weston and Trent LaFave; one brother, Ted LaFave of Caro; one sister, Betty Bryant of Royal Oak; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers, John, Robert, Jack (Vern), Patrick, Murl and Frank LaFave; and five sisters, Thelma LaFave, Melva Bidigare, Virginia Sirbaugh, Catherine Rick and Ruth Russell.

Funeral liturgy will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 at St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Gagetown with the Rev. Steven Fillion and Sister Dorothy Ann Blasko OP officiating.

Rite of Committal will be at St. Agatha's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Collon Funeral Home in Caro, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

A Bible Vigil will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Paul Joseph LaFave family discretionary fund.

Feel free to share your thoughts, memories and prayers with the family at

www.collonfuneralhome.com.