

## **Lesoski, Bernard**

Bernard "Ben" Lesoski, 81, of Gagetown passed away Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, 2002. He was born in Port Austin on Aug. 20, 1921, the son of Carl and Lucille (Prill) Lesoski. On May 12, 1942, he married Rosella M. Balacz in Pontiac. She preceded him in death on April 10, 1984. Bernard was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Caro and the Dom Polski Club. He was employed with the Budd Wheel Company of Detroit from 1942 until 1943, and then with Wallace Stone Plant of Bay Port where he was a loader, driver, drill operator, and locomotive operator, retiring in 1985. He then operated a Mobile gasoline station and a 24-hour wrecker service in Gagetown. He enjoyed hauling scrap iron, playing bingo, polka music and festivals, game shows, and Lawrence Welk reruns. He is survived by 11 children, Betty Lesosky and her husband, Gary, of St. Helen, Josephine Rivard and her husband, David, of Elkton, Richard Lesoski and his wife, Nancy, of Cass City, Genevieve Burkett and her husband, Robert, of Kinde, David Lesoski and his wife, Mary, of Pigeon, Donald Lesoski and his wife, Louann, of Caro, Virginia Ziehm and her husband, Larry, of Gagetown, Nancy Ligrow and her husband, Merritt, of Kinde, Robert Lesoski and his wife, Kathy, of Bay Port, Ronald Lesoski and his wife, Ruth, of Gagetown, and Patricia Hurren and her husband, Don, of Pigeon; 53 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; special friend and companion of 17 years, Helen Kolacz. He was preceded in death by a son, Bernard Lesoski Jr. on Feb. 15, 2000; and three brothers, Alex, Paul and Stanley. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Dennis Kucharczyk officiating. Interment will be in St. Agatha Cemetery in Gagetown. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at Gagetown Funeral Chapel and from 10 until mass time on Friday at the church. The family has suggested memorials for the Bernard Lesoski memorial fund.