

Franzel, Cornelius

Mr. Cornelius Paul Franzel, 78, of Snover, passed away Friday morning, November 21, 2003, at Covenant Cooper Hospital of Saginaw. Cornelius was born April 3, 1925 in Tyre to the late John Paul and Annie E. (Guigar) Franzel. He married Donna Lee Freiburger in 1946 at St. Joseph Church in Argyle. She preceded him in death on May 23, 1997, after 51 years of marriage. Cornelius graduated from the eighth grade at the Freiburg School. He farmed and had a lifetime career at General Motors of Pontiac. He retired in 1980 after 31 1/2 years of service. He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle. He enjoyed watching Tigers baseball, playing euchre, collecting antique tools, and just tinkering around. He lived an avid life and always found something to keep himself busy. Cornelius is survived by one daughter, Cindy Smith, of Snover; five sons, Barry Franzel, of Croswell, Mike Franzel and his wife, Kate, of Florida, Dave Franzel and his wife, Wendy, of Snover; Dan Franzel, of Snover; and Dennis Franzel and his wife, Marcia, of Sandusky; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Ann Stanley and her husband, John, of Hazel Park. Cornelius was preceded in death by eight brothers, Robert, Sr., Martin Lincoln, Edward, Michael, Frank, Earnest, Henry, and Steven Meno "Baldy" Franzel; three sisters, Cecelia Pearson, Stella Peters, and Marie Younglove. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Argyle. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be at St. Ignatius Cemetery. There will be a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 tonight, 1 to 9 p.m. Monday and 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.