

Essenmacher, Howard

Howard F. Essenmacher, 79, of Harbor Beach, passed away on Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at his home with hospice care surrounded by his family. He was born on July 23, 1924 to the late William and Agnes (Lorkowski) Essenmacher. Howard and Catherine Messing were united in marriage on Sept. 3, 1947 in Sts. Peter and Paul Church of Ruth. He was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, where he served as President of the Usher Club, a member of the Liturgy Committee, a former member of Parish Council, is a life member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823 of Ruth. He served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and was a Farm Bureau member. Howard loved cards, enjoying many euchre clubs. He loved watching the Tigers play baseball and all other sports. Howard loved playing with his children and his grandchildren. Howard is survived by his wife, Catherine; sons, Ernest Essenmacher and his wife, Deborah, of Ubly, Leo Essenmacher and his wife, Jean, of Harbor Beach; daughters, Jane Suida and her husband, Gary, of Harbor Beach, Monica Booms and her husband, Mark, of Harbor Beach, Barbara Miller and her husband, Michael, of Harbor Beach, Mary Sweeney and her husband, Bernie, of Harbor Beach, Colette Neumann and her husband, Mark, of Zeeland, and Julie Ruhl and her husband, Brian, of Harbor Beach; one brother, Arthur Essenmacher and his wife, Agnes, of Harbor Beach; three sisters, Edna Krueger and her husband, David, of Harbor Beach, Verna Wood, of Harbor Beach, and Eleanor Geiger and her husband, Bernard, of Ruth; 33 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Joseph Essenmacher; two brothers, Donald and David Essenmacher. Funeral Mass for Howard will be Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, with a parish vigil service to follow at 8 p.m. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home and starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday in the church.