



**Lawton Lewis Jurgess**, age 88, resident of Sigel Township, passed away peacefully Monday, December 12, 2011 at his daughter's home in Ubly with family at his side.

He was born February 4, 1923 in Sigel Township to the late Lewis and Ida (Carson) Jurgess. Lawton was united in marriage to Marcella Jock on April 25, 1953 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. He loved farming was employed as a welder at Tower's Automotive formerly known as Active Industries in Elkton for 33 years. Lawton was still living on the family farm that he was born and raised on. He enjoyed camping, visiting with his family and friends, and playing the harmonica, violin and listening to polka music.

He is survived by ten children, Kenneth Jurgess of Parisville, Steven (Betty) Jurgess of Bad Axe, Mark (Janet) Jurgess of Brown City, Kevin Jurgess of Harbor Beach and his fiancée, Donna Blasky, Thomas (Colleen) Jurgess of Fife Lake, Darlene (Joseph) Yaroch of Harbor Beach, Karen (Ronald) Pichla of Brown City, Kimberly (Francis) Sweeney of Ubly, Roxanne (Daniel) Peruski of Ubly and Bonnie (Paul) Damm of Fountain, Colorado; 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Lawton was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella; three brothers, Floyd, Ellsworth and Lynn Jurgess; two sisters, Welthy Schadd and Dorothy Karg.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson with Fr. Robert Howe, officiating. Burial will be in Verona Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. on Wednesday with Scripture at 7:00 p.m. followed by rosary at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9 – 10 a.m. at MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe, MI.

Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.