

Kosal, Eugene

Eugene "Gene" Kosal, 81, of Ubly and formerly of Dearborn Heights, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw.

He was born Jan. 21, 1927 in Ruth, to the late Alphonse and Susan (Kucharczyk) Kosal. He married Lillian Pawlowski June 25, 1949 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly.

Gene owned and operated Kosal Construction Company in Dearborn Heights for 25 years. He was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. Gene was a member of the American Legion Burhams Hagedon Post 197 of Harbor Beach. He also was a member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council #3823. He loved to golf, do picture puzzles and enjoyed spending time with his family — especially his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gene is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lillian "Lee" Kosal; one son, Ronald and his wife, Susan, of New Hudson; three daughters, Susan Lewis and her husband, Gordon, of Bloomfield Hills, Marilou Szerszen and her husband, Tim, of Garden City, and Donna Cieslak and her husband, Edward, of Brownstown; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard Kosal of Macomb; one sister, Mary Jane Purkart of Plainsfield, Ill; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly with military honors. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a joint rosary by Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella at 4:30 p.m. and a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Both service will be at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested to the American Diabetes Foundation or the American Kidney Foundation.