

Gentner, Joseph A.

Mr. Joseph A. Gentner, 78, of Harbor Beach and formerly of Minden City, passed away, Thursday morning, October 28, 2004, at Courtney Manor of Bad Axe. Joe was born on September 22, 1926 in Ruth to the late August and Caroline (Hunsanger) Gentner. He married Joyce Dropiewski on June 5, 1948 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Helena. Joe was a graduate of Ss. Peter and Paul Elementary School. He worked for the Ruth Farmers Elevator for a few years and Mallory Manufacturing for five years. He farmed in Minden City before retiring in 1987. He was a parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church for 40 years. He was a parishioner at St. John Chrysostom in Forestville for the last 17 years. He enjoyed euchre, watching ships sail on the lake, and visiting with family and friends. Joe is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Harbor Beach; his children, Gary Gentner and his wife, Kris, of Ubly, Lynn Kappel and her husband, Dale, of Sandusky, Sherry Seppo and her husband, John, of Port Huron, Shelly Crowley and her husband, Dana, of Sycamore, Illinois, Jay Gentner and his wife, Melissa, of Minden City, Terry Gentner, of Sandusky, Jeffrey Gentner, of Emmett, Crystal Oswald and her husband, Mike, of Palms; 20 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; one sister, Susie Rees, of Bad Axe. He was preceded in death by one son, Lanny, in 1951; four brothers, George, Ted, Wilfred, and Lavern Gentner; two sisters, Agnes Kosal and Rita O'Mara. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2004, at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Paul Bala, pastor of St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church in Forestville, will officiate. Burial will be in the Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. today, from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Ave. in Minden City. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home by Father Paul Bala.