Ertman, Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester "Elmer" Ertman, 80, of Tyre, passed away Thursday, October 19, 2006, at his residence under hospice care. Sylvester was born December 31, 1925 in Parisville to the late Walter and Bertha (Peplinski) Ertman. He married Bernice Seltz on November 13, 1948 at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Detroit. She preceded him in death on December 1, 2003. Sylvester was a foreman at the GM Hydramatics Plant in Ypsilanti. He was a member of the VFW. He was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly for 27 years. Sylvester was a World War II army veteran, serving in the European Theatre in Germany from 1946-1949. He enjoyed fishing, small engine repair, playing pool and euchre. Sylvester is survived by three sons, Lance Ertman and wife, Brenda, of Livonia, Dean Ertman, of Detroit, and Dewey Ertman, of Westland; one daughter, Sherri Sadro and husband, Melvin, of Argyle; 10 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Gary Ertman, on March 17, 2004; and one infant daughter, Debra Ertman. The Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2006, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly with military honors. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Zinger-Smiglelski Funeral Home in Ubly and on Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church only. There will be a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.