

Stacer, Merlin A.

Merlin Anthony Stacer, 87, of Ruth passed peacefully on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6, 2008 at the Huron County Medical Care in Bad Axe after a short illness.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1921 on the family farm, son of the late Anthony and Anna (Volmering) Stacer.

He married Magdalene M. Holdwick on Oct. 27, 1948 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth.

Merlin worked for Boom's Silo Company for 20 years. He then worked for Midwest Rubber Company in Deckerville until he retired in 1988. Merlin enjoyed woodworking, remodeling, metal working and anything he could fix.

Merlin is survived by his wife of 59 years, Magdalene; five children, Richard Stacer and his wife, Cathy, of Ubly, Donald Stacer and his wife, JoAnn of Deckerville, Sally Lamke and her husband, Marvin, of Ruth, Kay Goebel and her husband, Eric of Bad Axe, David Stacer and his wife, Denise, of Northville; 13 grandchildren, Theresa Messing and her husband, Paul, Joseph Stacer, Michael Stacer, Christopher Stacer and his wife, Melinda, Melissa Stacer, Matthew Lamke, Kyle Lamke and his wife, Krista, Mitchell Lamke, Kirk Goebel, Erika Goebel, Amanda Stacer, Jillian Stacer, and Troy Stacer; three great-grandchildren, Zachary, Gabriel and Colton Messing; one sister-in-law, Cecelia Stacer of Bad Axe.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Robert, Wilfred, Quentin, Jerome and Harold Stacer; three sisters, Juanita Clor, Lucille Stacer, Adelaide Stacer.

Funeral Mass for Merlin Stacer will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Robert Pare, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 5 p.m. on Friday by Father Pare at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.