

Ballagh, James T.

James T. Ballagh, 89, of Ubly died Saturday, March 8, 2008 in Hills & Dales General Hospital. He was born Aug. 28, 1918 at home on the farm to William J. and Mabel (Smith) Ballagh. He married Stella P. Gryskiewicz on Dec. 14, 1941 in Bowling Green, Ohio. She died on Jan. 27, 2007.

Jim was a lifetime dairy farmer. He was a member of the Grange and NFO. He served on the Board of Review of Sheridan Township for many years. Jim was a member of St. Columbkille Catholic Church. He served as an officer of the St. Columbkille Ushers Club and served on the church board. He was a Detroit Tigers fan and was a member of the card club for many years. Jim and Stella went dancing every Saturday in their younger years.

Jim is survived by his children, William (Diane) Ballagh of Dexter, James (Cheryl) Ballagh of Oxford, Kathleen (Alan) Milligan of Cass City, Marilou (Thomas) Barszczowski of Dearborn, David (Colleen Mouton) Ballagh of Ubly; grandchildren: Tommy, Dawn, Jennifer, Todd, Trent, Christy, Jackie; great-grandchildren, McLean, Ian, Alexis, Luke, Claire, Ella and Grant; sisters-in-law: Fay Ballagh of Cass City, Rita Seidel of Shamokin, Pa., Val Cahill of Glendora, N.J.; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Earl Ballagh, Clare Ballagh, Harold Ballagh; sisters, Ella Mae Wagner and Beatrice McDowell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 in St. Columbkille Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Griffin officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. A vigil service will take place at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Jim will be buried next to his wife in the St. Columbkille Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Ballagh will be Todd Milligan, Matt Hanson, Steve Allison, Trent Milligan, Tim Davis, Tommy Barszczowski, Tim Shepherd.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be made to St. Columbkille Catholic Church.