

Roberts, Clarence

Clarence F. Roberts, 82, of Deckerville died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at Autumnwood of Deckerville. He was born on April 28, 1918, in Minden City, the son of the late Bernard and Martha (Guiger) Roberts. He married Mavis Stepka on Jan. 3, 1942, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg. He attended Minden City High School. He farmed in the Deckerville area until retiring in 1972. He was a life long member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823. He was a Marion Township Board Trustee for 30 years. He was a member of the St. Patrick's Church Committee and served on the advisory board of Deckerville Hospital for many years. He enjoyed gardening and playing cards. He is survived by his wife, Mavis; four daughters, Betty Cunningham of Frankenmuth, Doris Henige and her husband, Joe, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sister Rose Roberts, S.S.J. of Kalamazoo, Marie Graham and her husband, Tim, of Spring Lake; six sons, Fred and his wife, Delores, of Deckerville, Mark and his wife, Patricia, of Deckerville, Gerald and his wife, Debbie, of Frankenmuth, Tom and his wife, Laurie, of Deckerville, Joe and his wife, Debbie, of Eaton Rapids, John of Deckerville; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandson; four sisters, Edna Peters of Palms, Bea Hunt and her husband, Dick, of Palms, Marge Stocker and her husband, David, of Marysville, Fran Swartzendruber and her husband, Donald, of Saginaw; brother-in-law Ralph Halifax of Lexington; sister-in-law Florence Roberts of Ruth. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Heather Cunningham; three brothers, John, Bernard and Elmer Roberts; one sister, Stella Halifax; brother-in-law, Albert Peters and sister-in-law, Mabel Roberts. Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery in Palms. There will be a Knights of Columbus rosary at 8 p.m. today and a Parish Wake Service at 8 p.m. Friday. Both services will be at the Smigielski Funeral Home in Minden City. Visitation is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today and 1 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.