

Grifka, Elmer

Mr. Elmer Grifka, 55, of Argyle, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2005, at the United Hospice Residence in Marlette. He was born June 23, 1949 in Bad Axe to the late Enoch and Selma (Pionk) Grifka and lived in Sanilac County all his life. Elmer attended Ubly School. He worked road construction all his life and was a member of the Labor's Union Local No. 1191. He belonged to a pool league for many years. He enjoyed playing cards and watching NASCAR. Elmer is survived by one daughter, Carmen Grifka and her fiancé, Chris Doyle, of Ubly; two sons, Robert Grifka and special friend, Julie Puvalowski, of Cass City, and Brandon Leppek, of Ubly; one granddaughter, Jessica Krist, of Snover; special friend, Cindy Baxter, of Argyle; his siblings, Beatrice Ross and her husband, Cliff, of Ubly, Eleanor Franzel, of Ubly, Joe Grifka and his wife, Bernice, of Ubly, Richard Grifka and his wife, Beverly, of Ubly, Alice Pallas and her husband, Fred, of Ubly; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Jerome Franzel and Mark Peters. A Funeral Mass will be at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2005, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle. The Rev. Stephen Fillion, pastor of St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Ignatius Cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be from 2:30 to 9 p.m. today at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home and from 11:30 a.m. until Mass time Monday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.