

Mzyk, Ty

Tyrus Raymond Mzyk, 88, former owner of Ty's Bowling Lounge in Elkton, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at his home. He was born Feb. 4, 1912, in Detroit, son of the late Frank and Clara (Plevnia) Mzyk. Ty's father died two weeks before Ty was born and his mother later married Frank Leppek. In 1916, they moved to Parisville where he grew up on a farm. In 1937 he returned to Detroit and worked with Radio Cab, Fuller Brush Co. and Budd Wheel. There he also met Agnes Griskiewicz, his future wife. They were married Jan. 28, 1939, at Guardian Angel Catholic Church, Detroit. She preceded him in death on April 18, 1999. Soon after they were married they purchased the New Greenleaf Country Store in Cass City. In 1955, they moved to Elkton and opened Ty's Sportsman's Inn. Several years later he bought the Elkton Recreation (the bowling lanes) from Lavern Chiotti and moved the bar across the street, operating it until retiring in 1976. Ty also drove a school bus for Elkton and the Laker district during those years. He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, past member of the Elkton Rotary, charter member of the Elkton Lions Club and was honored just last month for 40 years of continuous membership. He was also a life member of the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus No. 1546, 4th Degree Assembly and was one of the first members of the color corp. Surviving are two daughters, Sally Buschlen and her husband, Roger, of Pigeon and Joyce Beyer of Saginaw; his son, Dennis Mzyk of Auburn, Wash.; five grandchildren, Lisa, Brenda, Michael, Dennis, Jr. and Christopher; two great-grandchildren, Lukas Tyrus and McKenzie; two brothers, Ira Leppek of Reno, Nev., and Chester Leppek and his wife, Martha, of Harbor Beach; and his sister, Vivian Rumpitz and her husband, Clarence, of Ubyly. The funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2000, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Parisville. The Knights of Columbus Bishop Babcock General Assembly will conduct a Challis service at 10:20 a.m. Saturday morning at Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton. Visitation is 2 to 9 p.m. today and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan or the church.