

Vogel, Charles

Charles Vogel, 74, of Deckerville, passed away Monday, April 18, 2005, at his home following an extended illness. Charles was born on September 1, 1930 in Minden City, son of the late Adolph and Adella (Messing) Vogel. He attended SS. Peter and Paul School in Ruth and joined the U.S. Air Force on November 17, 1951. While on leave on November 22, 1952, he married his sweetheart, Mary Jane Peruski, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Palms. Following four years of service in California, Charles, Jane, and their sons, Charles Larry, and Ronald, moved back to Palms, where he dairy farmed for approximately 40 years, retiring in 1990. He enjoyed playing pinochle with his children, grandchildren, and many friends. In recent years, Charles and Jane traveled to Port Richey, Florida for the winter season where he enjoyed their second home and their friends. Charles was an avid television watcher and loved listening to polka music. Charles is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Jane, of Deckerville; three sons, Charles L. Vogel and his wife, Suzette, of Palms, Ronald Vogel and his wife, Charlotte, of Palms, Dale Vogel and his wife, Beverly, of Kawkawlin; four daughters, Suzanne Bowers, of Carsonville, Diane Flanagan and her husband, Russell, of Deckerville, Gail Heilig and her husband, Kurt, of Deckerville, Peggy Ross and her husband, Tim, of Deckerville; 20 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; mother-in-law, Isabel Peruski of Palms; five brothers, Bill Vogel and his wife, Virginia, of Palms, Art Vogel and his wife, Catherine, of Palms, John Vogel and his wife, Elaine, of Palms, Lawrence Vogel and his wife, Pat, of Minden City, Frank Vogel and his wife, Nancy, of Minden City; seven sisters, Lucille Kolar and her husband, Jerry, of Minden City, Mary Shemka and her husband, Laverne, of Port Hope, Evelyn Stolicker and her husband, Roger, of Deckerville, Betty Kubacki and her husband, Eugene, of Ubyly, Catherine Cleveland, of Akron, Theresa Kahlo and her husband, Tom, of Vestaburg, Carol Osborne and her husband, Ralph, of Deckerville; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Christina Ann; father-in-law, Elmer Peruski; brother and sister-in-law, Anthony and Ruth Vogel. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Palms. Sr. Betty Zeestraten, O.S.F., pastoral administrator of St. Patrick's, and the Rev. Ben Skornia, will officiate. Burial will be in the Downing Cemetery in Deckerville with military honors provided by the Thumb Area Veterans. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Avenue in Minden City and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. A parish vigil service will be conducted at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are requested to the family discretionary fund.