Soule, Robert G.

Mr. Robert Guy Soule, 71, of Austin Township, passed away Monday, May 11, 2009 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

He was born Aug. 14, 1937 in Tyre to the late Guy and Muriel (Haggert) Soule. He was united in marriage to Nila Howard on July 13, 1957 at the Ubly United Methodist Church.

Robert was a 1955 graduate of Ubly High School. He worked in the Detroit area, laying residential brick. He retired from Tower Automotive in 2001 after 44 years. He has farmed on the family farm all his life. He enjoyed his cattle, farming, hunting and fishing trips, gardening and playing euchre. Most of all, Robert truly loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nila; two sons, Mark Soule, Douglas (Veronica) Soule; five daughters, Deborah (John) Perhne, Carol (Michael) Kubacki, Sharon Soule, Susan Soule, Tamara (Michael) VanValkenburgh; two sisters, Fanny Babisczewski-Nieschulz, Leona (Wallace) Warner; 12 grandchildren; Laura (Curt) Vogel, Tracy (Vincent) Kuntze, Jason (Jamy) Kubacki, James (Jessica) Kubacki, Matthew Soule, Kelly Smithers, Michael Soule, Ashley and Cory VanValkenburgh, Eric, Darren and Samantha Soule; 9 great-grandchildren, Katelyn and Curtis Vogel, Shelby Kuntze, Rachel Vogel, Vincent Kuntze, Johanna, Jesse, and Kaleigh Kubacki, Cailin Spearman; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Soule; his parents, Guy and Muriel Soule; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mark and Nina Howard.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. The Rev. Ellen Burns, pastor of the Ubly United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Valley Cemetery in Ubly.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly.

Memorials may be given to the Family Discretionary Fund or the Ubly PTO Playground Fund.