

Bukowski, Sylvester

Sylvester Bukowski, 91, of Sand Point, passed away Saturday, December 13, 2003, at Courtney Manor Nursing Home of Bad Axe. Sylvester was born November 30, 1912 in Sigel Township to the late John E. and Martha (Perek) Bukowski. He married Lucille Chinoski on November 25, 1932 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. She preceded him in death on January 1, 1973. He married Genevieve Vassallo on December 15, 1973. Sylvester graduated from the Bingham No. 2 Township School and attended Ubly High School. In 1932, he worked for Joe Block running a portable bean picking machine until 1934 when he moved to Detroit to work for the Chrysler Dodge Main Plant in Hamtramck. He started farming in 1937 in Argyle Township and kept working in Detroit until 1941. He sold his farm and bought a tavern in Argyle Township in 1943. In 1944 he sold the tavern and bought a farm on Robinson Road in Austin Township. He was involved in farm and milk producing organizations for many years. In 1966 he crop farmed and worked at General Cable in Cass City. He started a Robo Car Wash in 1968 in Bay City. He sold the car wash in August of 1977 and retired. He lived on Deckerville Road in Deford until 1985 when he moved to Sand Point. He is a parishioner at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville and a former parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. He spent his winters in Holiday, Florida. He loved to play cards and belonged to a card club with friends for at least 52 years. Sylvester is survived by his wife, Genevieve, of Sand Point; three sons, Ronald Bukowski and his wife, Marlene, of Metamora, Richard Bukowski and his wife, Jinny, of Lake Orion, Roger Bukowski and his wife, Sharon, of Palm Bay, Florida; three daughters, Shirley Robinson, of Sand Point, Virginia Schaffer, of Marietta, Georgia, Jane Deachin and her husband, Robert, of Lake Orion; two step-sons, Richard Vassallo and his wife, Mable, of Silverwood, Ronald Vassallo and his wife, Kathy, of Vassar; one step-daughter, Shirley Lucik and her husband, Leonard, of North Branch; 34 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren. Sylvester was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Brooks and one sister, Irene Maurer. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2003, at St. John Catholic Church of Ubly. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. There will be a parish Vigil Service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 until 10 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.