

Hagen, Dennis

Dennis Hagen, 54, of Ubly, died Monday, November 13, 2006, at his residence surrounded by his family after a long-term battle with cancer. He was born May 14, 1952 in Ubly, the son of Bettie (McIntyre) and Bryce Hagen. Dennis was a 1970 graduate of Ubly High School. He was a member of the Michigan Corn Growers, Junior Livestock Association, grower/owner in the Michigan Sugar Company, member of the Ubly Morning Coffee Clutch, an FFA booster and supporter along with many other organizations. Dennis was a strong man who lived for family and farm. His wife, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings and extended family members were his biggest joy. His love of farming began early and stayed with him until the end. Dennis possessed a legendary work ethic. His vast knowledge and experience in farming earned him the respect and friendship of many throughout the community. Dennis is survived by his wife, Sharlene (Pichla), to whom he was married on November 3, 1973; his sons, Keith and his wife, Erin, of East Lansing, Clint and his wife, Melissa (Barry), of Ubly, Brad, of Ubly, and his special friend, Stacy Langley, of Pigeon; grandchildren, Dylan, Cole and Addison Hagen, of Ubly, Annabella Hagen, of East Lansing; sisters, Mary Hagen and her special friend, Jim Fligger, of Ubly, Ellen Moorman and her husband, Mike, of Ubly; brother, James and his wife, Doreen, of Ubly; mother-in-law, Beatrice Pichla; in-laws, Doreen and Ron Lackowski, Laurie and Bob Weber, Ken and Karen Pichla, Marv and Tami Pichla, Ron and Karen Pichla, Marrilee and Gerry Hanson, Joe and Karen Pichla; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Joseph Pichla; uncles, Fred and Clare Hagen; aunt, Grace Ardal. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2006, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. Mr. Hubert Howell, of Ubly First Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church of Ubly, will officiate. Burial will be in Valley Cemetery of Ubly. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.