

## **Bauer, Erhardt**

Mr. Erhardt Bauer, 89, of Ubly and Zephyrhills, Florida, beloved and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died early Thursday morning, August 19, 2004, at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. He was born May 14, 1915 in Reese, son of the late Ernest and Mary (Breiter) Bauer and attended Michigan State University and GMI. He married his wife of 40 years, the former Ruth Englehardt, of Reese, on October 24, 1938. After his marriage to Ruth, they moved to their farm in Vassar in 1939. She predeceased him February 12, 1978. Erhardt was employed by Saginaw Steering Gear (now Delphi) as an overhead crane operator, retiring in 1979 after 30 years of service. He was fortunate to find love for a second time and on November 22, 1980, he married his devoted wife, Madeline Zulauf, who survives him. During the winter months, he and Madeline resided in their winter home in Zephyrhills, Florida and enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe. Mr. Bauer was a member of the St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville, attended Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe, and was a member of the Local No. 699 for more than 30 years. He was a dedicated Tiger baseball fan and enjoyed attending baseball games during spring training in Lakeland, Florida. In addition to his wife, Madeline, surviving are his children and their spouses, John Bauer and his wife, Zhi Hu, of West Bloomfield, Mary Ann Bauer, of Farmington Hills, and Beverly Cottrell and her husband, Robert, of Merrill; six grandchildren and their spouses, Ruth Garcia Bauer and her husband, Fernando, Mary Jean Bauer-Belcher and her husband, William, Joseph Simon and his wife, Michelle, Martin Simon, Robert J. Cottrell, and Aaron Metiva and his wife, Gwen; two great-grandchildren, Samuel Simon and Emilee Metiva; his brother, William Bauer; and his sister, Martha Daenzer. In addition to his parents and his first wife, Ruth, Erhardt was predeceased by two daughters, Barbara Metiva and Joan Bauer; six brothers and sisters, Albert, Oscar, Elmer, and Richard Bauer, Alma Petzold and Helen Haubenstricker; and his half brother, Norman Bauer. Funeral services will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2004, from the St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville. The Rev. Robert Gadeken will officiate with burial to follow in the St. Michael's Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home, 9940 Saginaw Street, Reese, and from 10:30 a.m. until the time of services on Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be given to Heartland Hospice, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Richville, or Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. You may share your thoughts with the family at the funeral homes, the church, or through [waresmithwoolever.com](http://waresmithwoolever.com).