

Uhl, Earl J.

Earl J. Uhl, 78, of Minden City, passed away Saturday, May 27, 2006, at the Deckerville Community Hospital after a short illness, with his family at his side. He was born on October 2, 1927 in Delaware Township to the late John and Verna (Ginther) Uhl. He was united in marriage to Dorothy Messing on September 27, 1952 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He attended the Hunt Country School through eighth grade and graduated from Minden City High School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He farmed and worked at County Cedardale Garage for a few years and worked for the Thumb Farm Service in Ruth for 25 years. He was a member of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where he was an usher for 35 years. He was a member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823, V.F.W. Post No. 5740, and the Ugly Fox Hunters Club. He enjoyed playing cards and dice, gardening, flowers and spending time with family and friends. Earl is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy; his three children, John (Carolyn) Uhl, of Minden City, Gary Uhl, of Minden City, and Kathy Gwisdalla, of Cass City; six grandchildren, Tracy (Steve) Miaskowski, Mark Gwisdalla and his friend, Sarah Czewski, Bob (Melinda) Uhl, Joe, Brandon and Jason Uhl; five great-grandchildren, Allyssa, Kyla, Victoria, MacKenzie and Jeremy; three sisters, Rose (Lawrence) Robinson, of Harbor Beach, Ada Murdock, of Minden City, and Lucille (Steve) Pelot, of Minden City; four brothers, Eugene (Gail) Uhl, of Lincoln Park, Lee (Pat) Uhl, of Lake Orion, Raymond Uhl, of Pinnebog, and Merle Uhl, of Detroit; two sisters-in-law, Mildred Uhl, of Florida, and Jean Uhl, of St. Clair Shores; several nieces and nephews and many family and friends. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter, Harold, Floyd and Norman Uhl; one sister, Betty Uhl; one granddaughter, Anita Uhl; one brother-in-law, Everette Murdock; two sisters-in-law, Jean and Elizabeth Uhl. A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Thomas McNamara, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ugly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church only. There will be a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. and a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 8:15 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.