

Lorencz Jr., Joseph

Joseph Lorencz, Jr., 82, of Gagetown, passed away Friday, December 12, 2003, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. He was born in Detroit on March 12, 1921, son of the late Joseph, Sr. and Mary (Hozsa) Lorencz. Following his graduation from Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, he served with the United States Navy during World War II. On June 8, 1946, he was united in marriage to Mary L. Bozarth at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She survives him. Mr. Lorencz farmed in the area for 20 years, retiring in 1980. He also worked at Automotive Industries in Owendale, Pigeon Manufacturing and Sebewaing Industries, from which he retired in 1982. He enjoyed bowling, golf, and dandelion hunting. He was a charter member of the Owendale Lions Club, where he held several offices throughout the years, and was a 3rd Degree member of the Caro Council No. 3224, Knights of Columbus. He was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by five daughters, Mary Lorencz, of Troy, Linda Sattler and her husband, James, of Unionville, Margaret Shagena and her husband, John, of Chandler, Arizona, Elizabeth Fritz and her husband, Tom, of Gagetown, and Katherine Sciumeca, of Baltimore, Maryland.; one brother, John Lorencz, of Owendale; eight grandchildren, Thomas Sattler and his wife, Brenda, John Shagena, Jr., Jodie Fritz, William Shagena and his wife, Jody, Brent Fritz and his wife, Patti, Greta Shagena, April Shagena, and Ryan Fritz; five great-grandchildren, Jessica Sattler, Logan Sattler, Justin Shagena, Aaron Sattler, and Kyle Shagena; five sisters, Helen Smith, of Essexville, Sister Joan Lorencz, of Warren, Elizabeth Binder and her husband, Richard, of Essexville, Nancy Prokopenko and her husband, Ronald, of Bay City, and Dr. Kathleen Lorencz, of Beverly Hills; mother-in-law, Leona Bozarth, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Schoonover and her husband, Lyle, of Mannford, Oklahoma, and Mildred Cospier and her husband, Clarence, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three brothers-in-law, William Howell, of Essexville, the Rev. Joe Bozarth and his wife, Carolyn, of Dickersen, Texas, and Bob Bozarth and his wife, Debbie, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; many nieces and nephews; and many friends. He was preceded in death by a grandson, James Sattler; two sisters, Mary Howell and Rose Lorencz; his father-in-law, Lawrence Bozarth; his sister-in-law, Althea Lorencz; and two brothers-in-law, Lawrence Bozarth and Alger Smith. The funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Fr. Steve Fillion officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Meyersieck Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Agatha Church, Gagetown. Memorials for Mr. Lorencz may be made to the Owendale Lions Club or the Alzheimer's Association.