

Messing, Leonard J.

Leonard J. Messing, 94, of Harbor Beach passed away Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007 at his Sigel Township home with hospice care.

Born July 26, 1913 in Ruth, he was the son of the late Henry and Helen (Tenbusch) Messing. Leonard was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach and was a former Great Lakes sailor from 1930-1934 and worked on the assembly line of Ford and Chrysler when the lakes were frozen in the winter time. He purchased his farm in 1934.

On June 22, 1935, Leonard and Theresa Romzek were united in marriage in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Helena. Together they farmed in Sigel Township.

Leonard was a card player, especially playing euchre with family and friends. He was a former board member of the Adams School in Sigel Township for several years.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 72 years Theresa Messing of Harbor Beach; and their children, Shirley Schubitowski Hoffman and her husband, John, of Oscoda, Patricia Heleski and her husband, Clarence, of Ubly, Russell Messing and his wife, Elizabeth, of Mead, Wash., Calvin Messing and his wife, Sharon of Manchester, Dale Messing and his wife, Diane, of Taylor, Texas, Bruce Messing and his wife, Jeanne, of Nebo, N.C., Bradley Messing and his wife, Julie, of Manchester; 40 grandchildren; and 63 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach.

He was preceded in death by a son, Leonard Messing Jr. and grandson, Benjamin Messing; brothers, Leo, Arthur, Lawrence, Walter and Andrew Messing; and sisters, Clara Clor, Helen Kirsch, Eleanor Adler, Irene Samalski, Anna Essenmacher, Magdaline Kranz.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 in Our Lady of Lake Huron Church with Fr. Robert Shine officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

A parish vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and a joint Knights of Columbus and Daughter of Isabella Rosary at 8 p.m. in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach where visitation will be from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the church and from 10 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday.

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