

Messing, Raymond A.

Mr. Raymond A. Messing, 91, of Minden City, passed away Thursday morning, April 8, 2010 at the Lakeview Extended Care Facility in Harbor Beach under the care of Home Hospice Advantage.

He was born Oct. 16, 1918 in Ruth, son of the late Bernard and Amelia (Stein) Messing. He married Bertha Gatza, of Ubly on June 3, 1941 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. She preceded him in death on April 29, 2004, after 62 years of marriage.

Raymond was a graduate from the Sherman Center No. 1 School. He farmed most of his life in Delaware Township, constructing most of what he needed for his work.

He attended St. John Catholic Church in Forestville where he was an usher, which included ringing the church bells and singing in the church choir. Raymond was an honorary life member and past Grand Knight of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823. He enjoyed card games, puzzles, playing the fiddle and piano, woodworking, wine making and bowling for Gillis Hotel. He also enjoyed gardening, including mammoth sunflowers, Detroit Tigers baseball, dancing, playing in the family band, 'Messing Trio', traveling to London, England, Canada and all over the United States. He truly enjoyed visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by five sons, John and his wife, Peggy (Evelyn), of Harbor Beach, George and his wife, Linda, of Fresno, Calif., Alvin, Bernard and his wife, Pauline, Ivan and his wife, Lori, all of Minden City; six daughters, Judy Booms and her husband, Angus, of Harbor Beach, Donna Emming and her husband, Leo, of Ruth, Marie Gay of Hopewell, Va., Florence Wolschleger and her husband, Richard, of Ruth, Darlene Ornelas and her husband, Florenzio, of Beaverton, Betty Frost of Plover, Wisc.; 34 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Matthew Emming and Julia Ann Gay; one step-grandson, Ruben Ornelas; one daughter-in-law, Connie (Peyerck) Messing; one son-in-law William 'Ben' Gay; six brothers, Roman, Elmer, Wilford, Edward, Charles and Eugene; three sisters, Bernetta Hessling, Irene Messing and Agnes Hessling.

The Funeral Mass is being planned for 11 a.m. Monday, April 12, 2010 at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Peter Nwokoye of Ss. Peter & Paul and The Rev. Paul Bala, of St. John Catholic Church in Forestville, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. John Cemetery in Forestville.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the ZingerSmigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Ruth. There will be a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 8 p.m. on Saturday and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Sunday by Fr. Bala. Both services will be at the funeral home.