

Arthur Grates

ARTHUR GRATES, age 86 of Harbor Beach, passed away Sunday, October 30, 2011 at the Alda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, and was surrounded by his family. He was born on June 5, 1925 in Harbor Beach to the late Thomas and Frances (Kociba) Grates. Art and Janet Holdwick were united in marriage in Harbor Beach 55 years ago. He served in the US Army during the Korean War as a US Army Corporal, serving in Company A of the 72nd Tank Battalion. Art was awarded the Purple Heart and US Presidential Unit Citation. He worked at Huron Milling and Hercules for many years. Art was a member of the VFW Post of Harbor Beach, and Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife Janet of Harbor Beach, Six Children: Kim Koss of Davison, Pam Burkhard and her husband Terry of Bay City, Tony Grates of Harbor Beach, Lori Imboden and her husband Karl of Chelsea, Todd Grates and his wife Shannon of Atlanta, GA and Gary Thayer and his wife Mary of Elkton, Ten Grandchildren: Aaron (Allyssa) and Adam Koss, Caila, Brianna, Liane Burkhard, Nicholas and Liliana Imboden, Shawn Thayer, Chad Thayer, and Christie (Steve) Weiss, Seven Great grandchildren: A.J., Caylie and Blake Koss, Vanessa Burkhard, Kevin Thayer, Sadona Thayer and Lucas Weiss. Sisters: Viola Klebba, Lillian (Walter) Schave, Sister Mary Ann Grates, and brothers: Stanley Grates, James (Dorinne) Grates, Earl (Margie) Grates and Raymond (Carol) Grates. Art was preceded in death by his brothers Frank and Clarence Grates, brother-in-laws Frank Klebba and Robert Holdwick, and sister in law Elaine Clary. Funeral Mass for Art will be Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 11:30 am at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, with Fr. William Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in the OLLH Church Cemetery. Visitation for Art will be Wednesday, November 2, 2011 from 2-8 pm in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Thursday will be in the church at 10 am until time of services at 11:30 am. A Parish Vigil Service will be at 7 pm Wednesday, at the funeral home.