

## **Zinger, Leo**

Mr. Leo Guy Zinger, 86, Chairman of the Ruth State Bank, passed away Friday morning, June 2, 2006, at the United Hospice Residence of Marlette with his wife and family at his side. He was born October 24, 1919 in Ruth to the late Joseph W. and M. Adele (Tschirhart) Zinger. He married Geraldine Suida on November 25, 1944 at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach. Leo attended Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School through the eighth grade. He graduated in 1937 from St. Jerome High School in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. He also attended the University of Detroit where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, Business Administration Fraternity. He served as a military intelligence officer in World War II in the Air Corps of the U.S. Army in the Aleutian Campaign. In 1946, he joined the Citizens Bank of Seaman & Wahla & Company of Ruth where his father was vice president and cashier. Leo became president of the bank in 1953 when the name changed to Ruth State Bank. He was a member of the Michigan Bankers Association. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. He also was a former Independent Insurance Agent. Leo was a lifelong parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where he served on the cemetery board and was a past president and member of the school board. He was a member of the Huron County Planning Authority. He was a charter member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823, the Parisville V.F.W. Post No. 5740 and the Burhans Hagedorn American Legion Post No. 197 of Harbor Beach. Leo had been a member of the Verona Hills Country Club for 48 years. He was a toastmaster for many area functions. Leo and his wife, Geraldine, wintered in Florida for 25 years at the Six Lakes Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida. He enjoyed golfing, gardening and playing cards. Leo is survived by his wife of 61 years, Geraldine "Gerry," of Ruth; his children, Douglas Zinger, of Naperville, Illinois, David Zinger, of Denver, Colorado, Paul Zinger, of Grand Blanc, Judy Zinger-Weiss and her husband, Marvin Weiss, of San Diego, California, and Joseph Zinger and his wife, Vicky, of Ruth; eight grandchildren, Elizabeth Zinger and her husband, Chris Stockner, Heather and Laura Zinger, Emily and Max Weiss, Megan, Kristin and John Zinger; three sisters-in-law, Eleanor, Margaret and Mary Zinger. Leo was preceded in death by four brothers, Edward, George, Joseph and John Zinger. A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2006, at Sts. 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 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday at the church. There was a Knights of Columbus rosary on Saturday, and a parish vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.