

Lemanski, Fabian

Fabian S. Lemanski, 89, a lifelong resident of Harbor Beach, went home to the Lord on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at Courtney Manor of Bad Axe. He was a resident there for nine months. Fabian was born May 10, 1914 in Harbor Beach, son of Frank and Agnes (Pawlowski) Lemanski. He and Leona Peyerk were married September 4, 1938, at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Rapson. They lived on North Finkle Road after they were married. They purchased their farm in 1942 in Sigel Township and have lived there ever since. Fabian was a dairy and crop farmer his entire life. He was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach and a school board member for Cooper School. He was also a member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. When he was 21, he traveled to the Dizzy Dean Baseball Camp in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He tried out for the Detroit Tigers as a pitcher. Because he developed a sore pitching arm, that career never materialized. He played baseball for many years for the Halfway Baseball Club Team as a pitcher, catcher and first baseman. Fabian loved his family. He loved baseball, Polish and country music, and playing cards, especially euchre. Fabian is survived by his wife of 65 years, Leona, of Harbor Beach; four daughters, Virginia Gentner and her husband, Richard, of Royal Oak, Shirley Guza, of Ubly, Marjorie Booms and her husband, Dan, of Harbor Beach, Betty Durr and her husband, Carl, of Bad Axe; one son, Randy Lemanski and his wife, Sue, of Harbor Beach; 23 grandchildren, Carol (Tom) Septer, Jayme (Tom) Halter, Perry (Karen) Gentner, Jeff (Jeanne) Gentner, Steve (Sandi) Guza, Mary Jo (Larry) Roggenbuck, Dan (Paula) Guza, Deb (Matt) Knarian, Terry (Jean) Guza, Jeanne (Andy) Guza, Jr., Sally Hazel, Gary (Terra) Booms, Scott (Shelly) Booms, Rick Booms, Sandy Booms, Michael Lemanski, Jodi (Kevin) Holdwick, Jason Lemanski, Russell "Rusty" Lemanski, Ryan Lemanski, Robin, Kelly, and Brandon Durr; and 44 great-grandchildren. Fabian was preceded in death by one grandson, Dan Booms, Jr.; his son-in-law, Cletus Guza; his parents; nine brothers, Joseph, Ed, Henry, Ira, Leo, Cass, Bill, Ernest and a twin brother Syvarian; four sisters, Irene Ulfing, Anastasia Gentner, Frances Lemanski and Bertha Artman. A celebration of Fabian's life service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2003, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach. Father Gerald Kukla, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, and from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. on Friday.