

### **Dubey Sr., Robert J.**

Robert Joseph Dubey, Sr., 82, of Bay Port died Saturday evening, Oct. 20, 2001, at Scheurer Hospital following a massive heart attack. Bob died like he lived, working. He was out grooming a neighbor's yard when the Lord called him home. Bay Port will be at a loss without him planting and caring for the flowers along Main Street. He was born Sept. 10, 1919, in Bay Port at the home of his parents, the late Arthur and Louise (Burger) Dubey. On Sept. 11, 1940, he was united in marriage to Phyllis Turck in Indiana. She preceded him in death on their 65th wedding anniversary in 1995. In 1944, he was called to serve in the U.S. Navy. While out in the Pacific on the USS Ommenay Bay, a carrier escort ship, they were fired upon by the Japanese and sank. He spent two days in the water before being rescued. After returning to Bay Port, he purchased the Bay Port Hotel and operated it for more than 38 years, selling it in 1972. At that time he took a position as weighman at the quarry, retiring in 1985. Since that time he never quit working, mowing lawns, doing yard work and just keeping Bay Port a nice place to live. He was a member of the Bay Port American Legion Post No. 533 and was retired from the Fairhaven Township Fire Department, having held various offices in his 42 years of service. Surviving are his son, John Dubey and his wife, Beverly, of Caseville; his daughter, Phyllis Babiszewski of Bay Port; 13 grandchildren, Beth, Steven, Kim, Todd, Dee Dee, Troy, Ricky, Chris, Amy, Candy, Becky, Erica and Ryan; 37 great-grandchildren; one great great-granddaughter; his brother, James Dubey and his wife, Diane; a sister-in-law, Irene Dubey; and his special friend, Rita Gase of Bay Port. He was preceded in death by two sons, Louie and Robert, Jr.; a grandson, Tony; a brother, John; and three sisters, Agnes Hoeh, Margaret Jerome and Genevieve Warner. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at St. Roch Catholic Church in Caseville. The Rev. Kenneth Yaroch, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the New Bay Port Cemetery with military honors by the Bay Port American Legion Post. A prayer service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. this evening and 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.