

Adler, John A.

John Alfred Adler, 87, of Ruth, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2006, at the Harbor Beach Long Term Care Facility where he had been a resident for the past year. John was born September 29, 1919 in Sherman Township to George and Laretta (Klug) Adler. He married Eleanor Messing on May 25, 1946 at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He and Eleanor had been married 56 years when she preceded him in death on June 16, 2002. Together they farmed on their Centennial Farm in Sherman Township until he retired in 1981. John was a graduate of Sherman Center No. 1 Country School. He was a World War II veteran serving with the Fifth Armored Division in Europe. He earned five Bronze Stars for serving in the Northern France, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge) and Central Germany campaigns. He was a member of the VFW Post 5740. John was a member of St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church in Forestville where he served as an usher for many years. After retirement, until his illness, he loved helping his son with farming. The past few years he had enjoyed hearing what was going on around the farm and feeding and watching the birds. He was very proud to still own his very first tractor, an Allis Chalmers B. He enjoyed euchre, dancing, gardening and visiting with his family, relatives and friends. John is survived by one daughter, Darlene Schelke and her husband, Larry, of Harbor Beach; three sons, Ronald Adler and his wife, Ruth Ann (Kirsch), of New Hudson, Jerry Adler and his wife, Kathy (Ginnel), of Ruth, Jim Adler and his wife, Jan (Kriewall), of Ruth, 11 grandchildren, Shelley (Adler) Strzalkowski and her husband Jason, Kris Adler and his wife, Leeanne (Tam), Chad and Jason Adler, Daniel and Jackie Adler, Tammy (Messing) Roberts and her husband, Brian, Timothy Messing and his wife, Tia (Sontag), Jeffrey, Brad, and Renee Adler; two stepgrandchildren, Kelly (Schelke) Block and her husband, Kevin, and Bradley Schelke; five great grandchildren, Austin, Makalya and Brenda Roberts, Yan Yee Adler, Caeden Graves; two stepgreat grandchildren, Ethan and Nolan Block; one sister, Anna Sawielski, of Harbor Beach; three brothers, Herman Adler and his wife, Sylvia, of St. Peters, Missouri, Bill Adler and his wife, Helen, of Fraser, Ed Adler and his wife, Janet, of Bad Axe; two brothers-in-law, Leonard Messing and his wife, Theresa, of Harbor Beach, and Andrew Messing, of Bad Axe; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Roggenbuck, of Harbor Beach. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at St. John Catholic Church of Forestville. The Rev. Paul Bala, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be from 2:30 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home by Fr. Paul Bala.