

Mroczek, John

John Mroczek, 82, of Kinde, died Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at his home while under hospice care. He was born on June 1, 1921 in Poland to the late John and Antoinette (Marzec) Mroczek. He came to the United States with his parents and sisters in September 1922 through Ellis Island, New York. He lived in Detroit until 1932, when he moved to the farm near Kinde where he lived the rest of his life. He graduated from Kinde High School in 1939 and served in the United States Army during World War II. On November 20, 1948, he married Elizabeth Majewski in Rapson. Mr. Mroczek was very active in the community and he was proud of his volunteer work, especially for veteran's affairs and senior citizens. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Kinde for more than 70 years, where he was an usher, choir member, lector and chairman of many festivals for the church. He ran a family farm with beef and dairy cattle all his life, retiring in 1982. He also worked at Universal Engineering for 17 years in Bad Axe, was a school bus driver for North Huron Schools for 10 years and sold Aflac Insurance. He loved to play euchre and visit with family and friends. He was a member of the U & I Club in Port Austin, the Kinde Senior Citizens and a past member of the American Legion Post 499 of Port Austin. John is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; five children, Mary Engelhardt and her husband, Wayne, of Northborough, Massachusetts, Patricia Mroczek, of Flushing, David Mroczek and his wife, Bonnie, of Kentwood, Jim Mroczek and his wife, Evelyn, of Spring Hill, Tennessee. and Catherine Fischer and her husband, William, of Flushing; six grandchildren, Tricia and Matthew Engelhardt, of Northborough, Massachusetts, Sarah and Amanda Mroczek, of Kentwood, and Elizabeth and Robert Fischer, of Flushing; one brother, Edward Mroczek and his wife, Marie, of Kinde; one sister-in-law, Genevieve Roggenbuck, of Port Hope; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by six sisters, Josephine Gach, Sophie Cheslak, Mary Moore Eustace, Lottie Schott and two infant sisters in Poland. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2003, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dwight. Fr. Mieczyslaw Oniskiewicz will officiate. Burial with military honors will be in the church cemetery. A parish scripture service will be offered at 7 p.m. today at MacAlpine Funeral Home - Gage Chapel in Kinde. Visitation is from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 until 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Kinde.