

## **Miller, Earnest**

Mr. Earnest C. Miller, 88, of Port Austin and formerly of Rapson, passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at Courtney Manor of Bad Axe. Earnest was born on January 1, 1918 in Rapson to the late Leo and Frances (Talaski) Miller, above the Blacksmith Shop. He married Margaret Stewart on November 20, 1937 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Port Austin. She preceded him in death on August 6, 1978 after 40 years of marriage. Earnest attended the Rapson School through the eighth grade. He lived in Rapson all his life except he lived with his daughter in Port Austin for the last five years. He farmed in Port Austin and Rapson. He owned and operated the Hi-Speed Ice Cream Parlor in Rapson for 15 years. He was a carpenter for Clyde Tetreau. He worked for Richard Pettit Builder Construction in Port Austin before retiring in 1980. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson, where he served as an altar server and an usher. He was a charter member of the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club. He enjoyed music and playing his mouth organ. He loved dancing, and trapping, hunting, playing euchre, and shuffleboard. Earnest is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Brown, of Port Austin, and her special friend, Ernest Slavick; three grandchildren, Deanna Carpenter and her husband, John, of Warren, Patricia Forth, of Warren, and Gregory Brown, of Port Austin; two great-grandchildren, Jessica Brown, of Roseville, Danielle Brown, of Port Austin; one great-great-grandson, Dylan Grace, of Roseville; sister, Leona Roberts and her husband, Vincent, of Harbor Beach; sister-in-law, Georgena Stewart, of Port Austin; and son-in-law, Donald Brown, of Florida. Earnest was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Cynthia Brown; four sisters, Selma Swartz, Pauline Wruble, Marcy Swartz, Cecelia Kondziolka; and one brother, Frank Miller. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2006, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. The Rev. James Carlson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home by Fr. James Carlson. Memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund.