

Rodgers, William

William T. "Whimp" Rodgers, 77, of Port Austin died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born April 26, 1923, son of the late Howard and Isa (Heath) Rodgers. He and Beverly Nayback were married on March 10, 1995. William was employed by D & S Services in Cass City and loved to operate the crane. He was a member of many organizations, including the American Legion Post No. 0303 in Florida, the Grindstone-Port Hope Sportsman Club, the VFW of Kinde and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 025. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; five step-children, Kim Schultz and her husband, Dennis, of Montrose, Cindy Berens and her husband, Craig, of Hazel Park, John Nayback and his wife, Debbie, of Aurora, Ill., Benjamin Nayback and his wife, Tammy, of Warren; Jeffery Nayback and his fiance, Anne Marie Bielkie, of Clinton Township; 12 step-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Pearl Rodgers of Boston and Dorothy Rodgers of Sault Ste. Marie; and seven nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Tom Rodgers. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. The Rev. Robert P. Garrett will officiate. Burial will follow at the Port Austin Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Monday at the funeral home.