

LaBelle, Joseph

Joseph Raymond LaBelle, 92, of Bay City passed away Wednesday evening, Sept. 12, 2001, at Bay Medical Center. He was born on Oct. 23, 1936, to George and Rose (DesJardins) LaBelle in Huron County. Mr. LaBelle owned a farm near Sebewaing for 13 years and lived in Elkton for 16 years. He retired from Michigan Lumber Fabricators of Elkton after 25 years as head of maintenance. He resided in Bay City for since 1979. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and was a regular attendee of Riverside Friendship Senior Center for 22 years, where he would often sing songs for them and liked to tell stories about his French Heritage. He is survived by three daughters, Joan Burzynski and her husband, James, of Bay City, Linda Buda and her husband, John, of Bay City, Evelyn DeMetric and her husband, David, of Yuma, Ariz.; three sons, Donald LaBelle and his wife, Elaine, of Marlette, James LaBelle and his wife, Virginia, of Marlette, and Thomas LaBelle and his wife, Mary, of Elkton; two sons-in-law, Frederick Meyers of Bay City, John Douglas of Auburn Hills; 22 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Wilfred LaBelle of Westland; two brothers-in-law, Robert Cregeur of Bad Axe and Louis Zinniger of California; one sister-in-law, Mary LaBelle of Oregon; many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was predeceased in April 1988 by his wife, Frances Marie (Englehart) LaBelle whom he married Oct. 23, 1936; two daughters, Patricia Meyers in 1987, and Shirley Douglas in 1986; one son, William LaBelle in 1993; one brother and four sisters. The funeral mass will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Fr. Leonard F. Wilkuski with the Rite of Committal following in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. The Parish Vigil Service will be at 7:30 pm. today at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc., 201 W. Midland St., Bay City. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until the time of services at the church. Memorial envelopes for Hospice of Bay Area or Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be available at the funeral home.