

Maurer, Linus

Linus "Mike" Stephen Maurer, 81, of Ubly passed away Friday, July 19, 2002 at Sunny Acres Nursing Home of Bad Axe after a long illness. Mike was born Feb. 18, 1921 in Parisville to the late Leo F. and Helen (Murray) Maurer. He married Lila H. Walker on Aug. 30, 1944 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan Corners. Mike was a graduate of the Maurer Elementary School, and a 1939 graduate of Ubly High School. He farmed with his family. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving in Japan. He was a parishioner of St. John Catholic Church of Ubly since 1944 and was a former usher there. Mike worked at Bukoski Dealership in the parts department for five years and Ubly Tractor Service for five years. He drove a school bus for the Ubly Schools for nine years from 1950 to 1959. He owned and operated Mike's Shoe Repair. He was a driver of Gelco Dispatch of Flint for 13 years, retiring in 1982. Mike was a member of the Ubly Fire Department for 28 years. He was a member and officer of the Thumb Veteran's Organization No. 1, the Ubly Fox Hunter's Club and the Zurek Graham Ubly Post No. 6965. He was a former member of the Veteran's of Foreign War Ruth Post No. 5740. He was a member and former officer of the Ubly Community Club. He was a four-time cast member of the Alabama Jubilee Production. He bowled with the Al Puvalowski Team League in Ubly. He also bowled on Sunday and Tuesday nights in the mixed doubles league. Mike is survived by his wife, Lila, of Ubly; three daughters, Lana Gordon and her husband, Gregory, of Port Austin, Elaine Lansing of Chandler, Ariz., Lois Hill and her husband, Marvin, of Ruth; five grandchildren, Brandy, Courtney and Erin Gordon, Adam and Andrea Hill; one great grandchild, Mason Pechette; four sisters, Blanche Rumptz and her husband, Archie, of Ubly, Norine Williamson and her husband, Edward, of Sterling Heights, Leta Duda and her husband, George, of Mount Clemens, Dorothy Zurek and her husband, Lawrence, of Clinton Township; one step-brother Marvin Tschirhart and his wife, Iva, of Ubly; three step-sisters, Madeline Wheaton of Fort Meyers, Fla., Emma Geiger and her husband, Louis, of Cass City, Blanche Hunsanger of Harper Woods; one sister-in-law, Virginia Maurer of Bad Axe. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Joanne Marie in 1965; step-mother Veronica Bukoski; one sister, Mary Maurer; one brother, Ervin Maurer; one step sister Bernice Bouverette; one step brother Leonard Tschirhart. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday July 23, 2002 at St. John Catholic Church of Ubly. Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor of St. John, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with graveside military honors by the Ubly Veteran's Organization. There will be a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, and from 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home. Memorials may be made the Family Discretionary Fund.