

## **Bouchard, Elzear**

Mr. Elzear "Al" Bouchard, 93, of Bad Axe, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. He was born on May 31, 1907, in Black River to the late Joseph and Elizabeth (LaLonde) Bouchard. He married Selma Swiercz on Feb. 3, 1940, at St. Agnes Parish in Detroit. She preceded him in death on March 10, 1997. He moved to Detroit as a young man to seek work and stayed there until 1945 when he moved to Sheridan Township to farm. He farmed until 1956 and then he and his wife bought Al's Market. He retired in 1975 when they sold the butcher shop. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in Bad Axe and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1546 of Bad Axe. He enjoyed hunting, gardening and visiting with family and friends. He is survived by one stepson, Russell Bouchard and his wife, Delores, of Bad Axe; two sisters, Beatrice Rabey of Harrisville and Frances Kent and her husband, George, of Ossineke; one brother, Philip Bouchard of Harrisville; six step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Betty Bouchard of Harbor Beach; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ed, Arthur, Leo and Laurence Bouchard; five sisters, Eva Reid, Agnes Jones, Alvina Hetcher, Laura LaBelle, Lydia Gauthier; one son, Gerald Bouchard. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, at Sacred Heart Parish in Bad Axe. The Rev. John Killop, pastor will officiate. There will be a parish wake service at 7 p.m. on Sunday and a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 8 p.m., both at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Ubly in the spring. Visitation is from 1:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday and from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home.