

Ross, John B.

John Bernard "Bun" Ross, 89, of Cass City, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, in the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility after a short illness. He was born August 29, 1915 at home in Cass City to John and Bridget (McCormick) Ross. He married Loretta B. Dillon on September 28, 1940 in St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. Bun graduated from Cass City High School in 1933. He then attended Ferris Institute, now Ferris State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He owned the Federated Store for 41 years, retiring in 1982. Bun was one of 10 original investors in the Cass City Industrial Development Corporation, which was responsible for attracting Walbro to Cass City. He was a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce. He served on its board of directors four years and was president for one year. Bun served on the village council from 1967 through 1973. He also served on the zoning board for 12 years. He also was a member of the Gavel Club, working on many projects including making toys for Christmas for the auction for the hospital fund. Bun was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church for 64 years and served as an usher there for nearly as many years. He enjoyed golf and loved his grandchildren. Bun is survived by his wife, Loretta; children, Shirley Law and her husband, Delbert, of Whitmore Lake, Gerald B. Ross, of Novi, Richard Ross, S.J., of Chicago, Robert Ross and his wife, Patti, of Ventura, California, Sharon Delamarter and her husband, Dan, of Cass City, and Mary Thacker and her husband, Jack, of Belleville; grandchildren, Elizabeth Law, Tyler Ross, Amanda Ross, Jessica Ross, Erica Delamarter, Danielle Delamarter, Cody Ross, Jared Thacker, Alex Ross, Dillon Ross, Zachary Thacker and Jonas Thacker; sisters, Florence London, Helen Jackson and her husband, Bill, Kathleen Steeh and her husband, Larry, and Frances Flynn and her husband, John; brothers, Edward Ross and his wife, Jackie, and Fred Ross and his wife, Shirley; and many nieces and nephews. Bernard was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-laws, Mary Howlett and her husband, Bob, Elizabeth Miller and her husband, Norbert, June Porter; brother and sister-in-law, Alex Ross and his wife, Blanche. A memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 9, 2005, in St. Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery. There will be a vigil service at 7 p.m. on Sunday in the church. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday in the church. Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Detroit Province Society of Jesus, or Cass City Athletic Boosters. Arrangements are being handled by the Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.