

Parrott, Joseph W.

Joseph William "Bill" Parrott, 81, of Cass City, died Sunday, December 31, 2006, in Marlette Regional Hospital. He was born May 18, 1925 in Mt. Pleasant to William A. and Faye E. (McCulloch) Parrott. He married Cora Marie Westerby on June 12, 1943 in Brighton. At the age of 3, Bill moved with his family to a dairy farm south of Cass City where he resided until his death. Bill was a retired dairy farmer and local businessman. He owned and operated Parrott Ice Cream Company for over 50 years. He was a member of the Ellington Church of the Nazarene, serving as Youth President, Sunday School Superintendent, church treasurer and Sunday School teacher over the years. He was a former member of the National Dairy Guild. Bill enjoyed woodworking and model railroads. His greatest love was his wife, Cora. Bill is survived by his wife, Cora; his children, Sharon (Jerry) Hillaker, of Snover, David (Connie Elliott) Parrott, of Lapeer, Janet (Larry) Thane, of Deford, Rebecca (Timothy) Malette, of Hancock; grandchildren, Diane (Robert) Baur, Sara (Timothy) Ladd, Jennifer Hillaker, Wesley (Christina) Kempa, Christian Parrott, James Elliott, Jim (Brenda) Thane, Stacey (Mark) Dollan, Jared (Christina) Thane, Matthew (Ashley) Malette, Skye (Dave) Schultz, Jonathan Malette; great grandchildren, Trevin, Kaylee, Jacob, Martin, Tyler, Rylee, Ethan, Braden and two new great grandchildren due in early spring; sister, Faith (Bill) Steinkraus, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sisters-in-law, Luella Parrott and Irene Hall; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Maurice Parrott, Wendall Parrott and Gail Parrott. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, in Ellington Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Ronald Comfort officiating. Interment will be in Ellington Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today in Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the church. Memorials may be made to Ellington Church of the Nazarene. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.