

Schrader, Gerald

Mr. Gerald Schrader, 75, of Ubly died Friday, June 29, 2001, at his home after a long illness. He was born on March 30, 1926, in Ubly, son of the late Walter and Gertrude (Eilber) Schrader. He married Florence Kologek on Oct. 26, 1949, in Ubly. He was a graduate of Ubly High School. He joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid during World War II. He was a navigator and turret gunner with the squadron of torpedo dive bombers flying on Japanese submarine patrol missions. The Schrader family began the Ubly Motor Sales in 1939. When he returned from the war, he and his father, Walter, built a new building to house the Ford tractor sales. Jerry and his wife, Florence, purchased the stock from his brother, Verne, and his dad, Walter. Jerry continued owning the business from 1958 until he retired the Ford Dealership in 1989, after 50 years of Schrader ownership. Jerry was a past president of the Ubly Community Club, a former member of the Thumb Veterans Organization No. 1 of Ubly and of the Ubly Fox Hunters Club. He was a village trustee for 17 years, a firefighter for more than 15 years and was selected to be Firefighter of the Year. He was ticket chairman for many of the Alabama Jubilee productions and was an honorary 50-year member of the Cass City Tyler Lodge No. 317 F & AM. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ubly. He is survived by his wife, Florence, of Ubly; two sons, Larry and his wife, Janice, of Ubly and Ken and his wife, Lou Ann, of Boyne City; two daughters, Susan Schrader of Ubly and Trudy Schrader of Bad Axe; seven grandchildren, Bryan Schrader and his fiancée, Karissa McIntosh, Janelle Schrader, Ashley Schrader, Leeann Schrader, Dustin Schrader, Nicholas Schrader, and Kylee Schrader; one brother-in-law, John Geboski of Ubly; one sister-in-law, Madelyn Schrader of Ubly. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Louise Geboski; and his brother, Verne Schrader. Cremation will take place at Sunset Valley Crematory. There will be no visitation for Gerald Schrader per his request. Arrangements are being handled by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. Memorials may be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Ubly, the Sleeper Public Library or the Bingham Township Fire Department.