

### **Messing, Lawrence B.**

Mr. Lawrence B. Messing, 81, of Ruth died Friday, May 11, 2001, at Courtney Manor of Bad Axe. He was born July 8, 1919, in Ruth, son of the late Henry and Helen (Tenbusch) Messing. He married Margaret Ulfing on Nov, 30, 1940, at St. Mary Catholic Church of Parisville. She preceded him in death on July 23, 1978. He attended SS. Peter and Paul Elementary School. He farmed with his dad. He worked at Hercules for 34 years and retired in 1981. He was a member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council #3823 and a lifelong parishioner of SS. Peter and Paul Church of Ruth. He enjoyed playing cards and visiting with his family and friends. He is survived by three daughters, Lorraine Wolschlager and her husband, Melvin, of Bad Axe, Linda Shaheen and her husband, Gulrez, of Germany, and Sharon Osak and her husband, Jerry, of Ida; three sons, Gary Messing and his wife, Marsha, of Sterling Heights, Linus Messing of Houghton Lake, and Clifford Messing and his wife, Rose, of Lake Orion; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Leonard Messing and his wife, Theresa, of Harbor Beach and Andrew Messing of Bad Axe; four sisters, Anna Essenmacher of Bad Axe, Magdeline Kranz of Bad Axe, Dorothy Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach, and Eleanor Adler and her husband, John, of Ruth. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leo, Walter, and Arthur; three sisters, Helen Kirsch, Clara Clor, and Irene Samulski; infant daughter, Helen; and a grandson, Bruce Messing in 1999. Mass of christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Ruth. The Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. There will be a rosary by the Ruth Knights of Columbus tonight at 8 p.m. and a parish wake service at 8 p.m. Monday. Both services will be at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Visitation will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tonight, 1 to 9:30 p.m. Monday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.