

### **Gusa, Andrew J.**

Mr. Andrew Joseph Gusa, 74, of Minden City, passed away Sunday evening, June 12, 2005, at his home under hospice care. He was born on July 22, 1930 in Sand Beach Township to the late Michael and Josephine (Gentner) Gusa. He married Lucille Patricia Bouverette on October 24, 1953 in a ceremony presided over by Fr. Dudek at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Andy attended East Huron Country School through the eighth grade and was an altar boy at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Helena until he was 21. He farmed for his parents and worked for Wagner Ready Mix. He was employed at Deckerville Die Form for 31 years and also did grass cutting. He lived in the Helena area for 18 years before moving to Minden City. He was a parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church, where he was an usher and a member of the St. Mary's Men's Club. He also was a member of the Rapson Sportsman's Club. He played league softball until he was 64 and then he umpired. He bowled, and hunted for deer, fox, turkeys, pheasants, and bear. He fished for perch and suckers. Andy was well known for his jerky, pepper stick, fish smoking, and wine and sausage making. He always had a big garden. He played euchre and loved to ride the bus to the casino. Andy is survived by his wife, Pat, of Minden City; two sons, Richard Gusa and his wife, Annette, of Harbor Beach, and Andy Gusa, Jr. and his wife, Jeanne, of Ubly; three daughters, Margaret Howard, of Palms, Linda Queen, of Joplin, Mississippi, and Gloria Aldis and her husband, Howard, of Bad Axe; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five sisters, Anna Klee, of Harbor Beach, Marie Booth and her husband, Ken, of Warren, Catherine Leblong and her husband, Thomas, of Dearborn, Irene Scoviac, of Harbor Beach, and Stella Lentz and her husband, Ed, of Rochester; and one sister-in-law, Laretta Gusa, of Harbor Beach. Andy was preceded in death by one daughter, Shirley Ann; two sons, Donald and Joseph Gusa; one sister, Theresa Romzek; and two brothers, Frank and James Gusa. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville. The Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sandusky, will preside. Burial will be in the church cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Avenue in Minden City, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. and a Men's Club Rosary at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.