Schaefer, Harold D.

Harold D. Schaefer, 82, of Gagetown entered into eternal life on Sunday, May 10, 2009 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

He was born Dec. 8, 1926 in the home where he still lived in Brookfield Township, son of the late David C. and Johanna A. (Lang) Schaefer.

He was a farmer all his life in Brookfield Township. Harold was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. He served on the Brookfield board of trustees for 35 years. He was an avid sportsman, playing baseball for many years. He also loved to fish.

He was privileged to have a second family of special men who got together for ice fishing on Munuscong Bay. In that group were Dr. John Randall, Dr. Gary Holbein, Dr. Edmund Klebba, Dr. David Rulo and Dr. Kenneth Teppo.

The family members that will greatly miss him are: sister, Rosella M. Schaefer of Bay City; nieces and nephews, James Napieralski of Phoenix, Ariz., Catherine Napieralski of Belleville, Beth Ann (Mark) Witucki, and their children, Melissa Rose Witucki, Justin Witucki, David Witucki, Maximilian Conrad Witucki of Bay City; niece, Marcia Zigmund, and her children, Ryan Lee Birch, Arwyn Ann Birch, Anna Jean Zigmund and Madeline Zigmund of Minneapolis, Minn.; nephew, Allan and Rose Napieralski; also special cousins, Carol and Phillip Wagner of Bay City, their children, Gregory and Tammy Bliss, and their children, Gunner and Brecken Bliss; Kevin and Denise Bliss, and daughter, Lisa; Kurt and Crystal Bliss and son, Eddie; Todd and Stacey Bliss, and daughter, Rylee; Genevieve and Ronald Martin; Delores and James Marker. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Maximilian and Roselia Lang; sister, Marian Napieralski; special aunt and uncle, Mary and Henry Hoch; aunt, Molly Lawrence and great-great-niece, Olivia.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. Fr. Stephen J. Fillion will officiate with burial in Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Cemetery in Sebewaing.

Friends may call at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday. He will lie in state at the church from 10 a.m. Thursday until the time of Mass at 11. Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing.