

Franzel, Robert A.

Mr. Robert Anthony Franzel, Sr., "Big Bob Franzel," 69, of Ubly, passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2003, at Covenant Harrison in Saginaw. Bob was born on Oct. 20, 1933 in Ubly to the late John and Annie (Geiger) Franzel. He married Dorothy Lake on Sept. 6, 1958 in Argyle. Bob was a graduate of Ubly High School. He worked for Pontiac Motor Division for 38 years before retiring in 1991. He loved to farm and work on tractors. He enjoyed his weekly trips to the stockyards for lunch with his friends. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, especially his Angel. He loved Bear, a special canine companion and friend who never left his side. Bob is survived by his former wife, Dorothy Taylor, of Davison; four sons, Robert Franzel, Jr. and his wife, Connie, of Belleville, Kevin Franzel, of Tacoma, Wash., Greg Franzel and his wife, Carrie, of Marlette, and Curt Franzel and his wife, Jennifer, of Lapeer; two daughters, Terry House and Dick Lawrence, of Lapeer, and Jill Schmitt and her husband, Scott, of Davison; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Cornelius Franzel, of Snover; two sisters, Ruth Ann Stanley and her husband, John, of Hazel Park and Marie Younglove, of Bad Axe; special nephew, Justin Faber, of Ubly; several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Martin Lincoln, Edward, Michael, Frank, Earnest, Henry, and Steven Meno "Baldy" Franzel; two sisters, Cecelia Pearson and Stella Peters. The funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 7, 2003, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg. The Rev. Brian Spencer will officiate. Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery with full military honors. There will be a parish vigil service at 3 p.m. today and a rosary at 8 p.m. at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.