

Ginther, Herman F.

Herman Felix Ginther, 83, of Maple City, passed away Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 at his home with Rita and Loren Wilson.

Herman moved to the farm in Maple City to live with his cousin, Dorothy, and her husband, Richard Dezelski, in January 1975.

After the death of Dorothy in September 1983 and the death of Richard in December 1989, Herman continued to live on the same farm with Richard and Dorothy's daughter, Rita and her husband, Loren.

Before moving to Maple City, Herman lived with his father, Theodore "Ted" Ginther, in Harbor Beach until his father's death in January 1975. Prior to living with his father, Ted, Herman lived for many years with his grandfather, Joseph (Joe) Ginther, near Parisville until his grandfather's death in December 1960.

Herman is survived by his cousin, Rita, and her husband, Loren; cousin, Leonard (Anne) Dezelski, and their children, Mary, John, Francis, Joseph, Peter (Teresa), Theresa, Simon, and Catherine; cousin, Steve (Mary) Dezelski, and their children, Kristopher, Jessica, and Katlyn. Other cousins include, Norman (Shirley) Ginther, Earl (Pauline) Ginther, Ilene (Benjamin) Clor; Russell, Bruce, and Connie Ginther; and Jerome and Joan Ginther.

Herman's predeceased included his parents, Theodore (b. Dec. 23, 1902 - d. Jan. 19, 1975) and Eva A. (Jock) Ginther (b. Oct. 1, 1904 - d. Dec. 27, 1968) and his sister, Anna M. (b. July, 1923 - d. Feb. 1, 1932); cousin, Dorothy (Richard) Dezelski; uncles, Charles (Frances) Ginther, Jacob (Irene) Ginther, John (Thelma) Ginther, and Frank (Frances) Ginther; grandparents, Joseph and Mary (Schornak) Ginther.

Herman was a beautifully humble and simple man. Herman would sometimes ask, "Who made you?" And if the person would hesitate, Herman would answer, "God made you."

Herman was a hard worker. Prior to moving to Maple City, Herman worked on farms near Harbor Beach and Bad Axe. Herman loved to feed cattle, often saying, "They've got to eat too." Herman was an expert at such tasks as loading hay, stacking bales, and shocking beans, often working long hours.

After moving to Maple City, Herman often enjoyed helping Richard cut and stack firewood. In his latter years, Herman would help around the house, chop kindling, and care for his pets: numerous cats, a rabbit, and a dog.

Memorial donations may be directed to Mass Intentions or to St. Rita/St. Joseph Church.

You may share memories and read what others have shared on the online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Father Donald Libby at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at St. Rita/St. Joseph Church.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 at St. Rita/St. Joseph Church in Maple City, with the recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m.

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse City.