Geiger, Bernard Martin

Mr. Bernard Martin Geiger, 87, of Ruth passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 at the Harbor Beach Community Hospital after a short illness.

Bernard was born Jan. 3, 1920 in Ruth, to the late Barney and Anna (Artman) Geiger. He married Eleanor Essenmacher Sept. 6, 1941 in Harbor Beach.

Bernard attended the Sherman Country School No. 1. He was a lifelong farmer in Sherman Township. Bernard was a lifelong parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He was a lifelong member and past Grand Knight of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823. Bernard was a member of the Sherman Township Board of Review and the ASCIS Board (FSA) for ten years. He was an election worker. He enjoyed playing cards and traveling. Bernard will be missed by all who knew him.

Bernard is survived by his wife of 66 years, Eleanor of Ruth; his children, Bob "Robert" Geiger and his wife, Cheryl, of Richmond, Ky., Gary Geiger and his wife, Marileen, of Harbor Beach, Ronald Geiger and his wife, Michelle, of Gaylord, Sharon Barry and her husband, Edward, of Bay City, Debbie Loesel and her husband, Jon, of Clare and Dale Geiger and his wife, Debbie, of Ruth; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one sister, Cecilia Siemen of Bad Axe; one sister-in-law, Elizabeth Geiger of Harbor Beach; other in-laws; many nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Bernard was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Lori Geiger in 1979; one daughter-in-law, Arlene Geiger; two brothers, Clement and Leroy Geiger; and two sisters, Leona Hessling and Shirley Reinke.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2007 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Robert Pare, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 4 p.m. and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home by Fr. Pare.

Memorials are requested to Ss. Peter and Paul Church or the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Published in the Huron Daily Tribune on 12/19/2007.