

Maurer, Fred

Mr. Fred Maurer, 91, of Ubly, passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2005, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. He was born on January 7, 1914 in Ubly to the late John and Emma (Heilig) Maurer. He was united in marriage to Grace Leppek on October 24, 1938 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. Fred was a graduate of the Maurer Elementary School. He worked at Thumb Electric as a lineman from 1937 to 1977, retiring after 40 years of employment. He was a parishioner, usher, and member of the Men's Club at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. He was a past president of St. John School Board for four years. He was a member of the Ubly Community School Board for six years. He sat on the Ubly Village Council for 23 years and was a past member of the Ubly Community Club for 40 years. He was an honorary member of the Ubly Fox Hunters Club. He played baseball at Smith Corners for 20 years and in Sandusky for five years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, mushroom picking, and watching the Detroit Tigers. He loved spending time with family and friends. Fred is survived by his wife of 66 years, Grace, of Ubly; his children, Doris Kolar and her husband, Carl, of Sterling Heights, Marilyn Mastie and her husband, Jim, of Cass City, Fred Maurer Jr. and his wife, Raddie, of Perry, and Gene Maurer and his wife, Barbara, of Grand Blanc; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, John Maurer and his wife, Joan, of Ubly; three sisters-in-law, Magdeline Leppek, of Rapson, Betty Maurer, of Smith Corners, Margaret Maurer, of Harbor Beach; and several nieces and nephews. Fred was preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond, Edward, Anthony, Neil, and Elmer Maurer; four sisters, Kate True, Helen Oberski, Clara Polk, and Emma Mazure. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2005, at St. John's Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will preside. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. today and from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.