

Heilig, Bernard

Bernard Heilig, 84, of Cass City, died Friday, February 20, 2004, at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. He was born January 21, 1920 in Minden City to the late William and Margaret (Oswald) Heilig. He married Josephine Pryka in Frankenmuth on October 11, 1987. Bernie enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and telling incredible stories. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II as a fire chief in India. He also was part of a task force that guarded the Memphis Belle. Mr. Heilig is survived by his wife, Josephine Heilig; a daughter, Diane Bodner and her husband, Louis; a son, Gary Heilig and his wife, Elizabeth; stepdaughters, Kathleen Bitterman, Debra Waddell, Donna Wilkins, Elizabeth Rammal and her husband, Sam, Rose Frew and her husband, Rob; grandchildren, Jim Bodner and his wife, Heidi, Tammy Bodner, Deanna Lincoln and her husband, Gary, Courtney Heilig, Robert Heilig; step grandchildren, Kristen, Cristopher and Kristi Singleton, Steven Waddell, Amy and Olivia Grima, Saphie, Sarrah and Summar Rammal, Seth, Solomon, Samson, Shadarach and Sila Frew; great-grandchildren, Jessica and Miranda, Michael, Jesse and Nicholas Bodner, and Dante Singleton; brothers and sisters, Clarence Heilig, Mark Heilig, Gert Cerveny and her husband, Sam, Ralph Heilig and his wife, Jean, Katheren Stewart, Bernard's twin brother, Ben Heilig and his wife, Odelia, Jeneve Mitoff, Beatrice Drake, Bill Heilig and his wife, Doreen, Nick Heilig, Winifred Sageman, Wilfred Heilig and his wife, Pat, Gerald Heilig and his wife, Fran, Jeanette Heilig, Harold Heilig and his wife, Darlene, Lucy Hintz and her husband, Kenneth, Regina Koglin and her husband, Gerald; and many nieces and nephews. Bernard was preceded in death by his son, Gene Heilig; grandson, Thomas Bodner; brother, Paul Heilig; sisters, Nona Harris and Margaret Peyok. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Fr. T.J. Fleming, pastor of St. Columbkille, will officiate. Burial will be at New River Cemetery in Port Austin. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Monday at Gage Chapel-MacAlpine Funeral Home in Kinde. Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.