

Bieri, Robert

Robert "Bud" Bieri, 75, of Caseville died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw after a long illness. He was born on July 4, 1925, in Owosso to the late John and Pauline (Brashaw) Bieri and moved to Caseville at the age of 12. At 18, he joined the Navy and served three years during World War II. On April 3, 1947, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Matelski at St. Felix Catholic Church in Pinnebog. Bud started his excavating and landscaping business in 1949. He had little money so he bought a horse and a scraper to dig basements. He also worked at Active Industries in Elkton for 14 years. In 1967, Bud Bieri and Sons Bulldozing and Trucking evolved. Bud was still active in the business until his health began to fail last year. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; four sons, Ronald Bieri and his wife, Dolores, of Pigeon, Edward Bieri and his wife, Mary Ann, of Bay Port, Danny Bieri and his wife, Linda, of Pigeon and Robert Bieri and his wife, Debra, of Pigeon; eight daughters, Sharon Kanyak of Port Austin, Diane Adamczyk of Kingston, Patricia Cronk of Warren, Judy Bieri of Bay Port, Lee Ann Ruth of Pigeon, Mary Damm and her husband, Randall, of Pigeon, Kimberly Lawhorn and her husband, Troy, of Madison Heights, Va. and Tina Bieri of Cass City; 40 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Pauline Bright and her husband, Rod, of Leesburg, Fla. and Kathleen Bieri of Sebewaing; a half-sister, Thelma Pant of New Port Richey, Fla.; many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were one son, Kenneth Allen Bieri; four brothers, Pete, Donald, Jack and Jerry; two sisters, Florence Dorsch Anglin and Helen King; a half-brother, Edward. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, 2001, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville. The Rev. Fr. Dennis Kucharczyk will officiate with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and after 10 a.m. Friday at the chapel.