

Roberts, William

William "Bill" Roberts, 65, of Ubly, and Chief Executive Officer of the Gemini Group and Chairman of the Northstar Financial Group, passed away Thursday, May 3, 2007, at his residence under hospice care with his family by his side. Bill was born September 26, 1941 in Minden City to the late William and Marie (Peters) Roberts. He married Marie Glaza on June 23, 1962 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. Bill was a graduate of the SS. Peter and Paul High School. He was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. Bill was a member of the Ubly Village Council, the Ubly Fire Department and the Ubly Lions Club. He was a member of the United States Trotters Association. Bill loved and enjoyed being with his grandchildren, family and friends, playing cards, riding his Harley, raising race horses, and traveling. Bill is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marie, of Ubly; his children, Lynette Drake and her husband, Al, of Ubly, Ryan Roberts, of Ubly, and Jeffrey Roberts and his wife, Deborah, of Saginaw; grandchildren, Austin and Hanna Drake, Sarah, McKenna and Rachel Roberts; brother, Louis Roberts and his wife, Virginia, of Yale; sisters, Jean Nash and her husband, Jack, of Grand Blanc, Leona Heilig and her husband, Henry, of Minden City, Eleanor Booms and her husband, Floyd, of Bad Axe; brothers-in-law, Robert Zmich and his wife, Kathy, of Gladwin, Elmer Schroeder, of Harbor Beach; mother-in-law, Gertrude Glaza, of Ubly; brothers-in-law, Donald Glaza and his wife, Marcia, Arnold Glaza, Larry Glaza and his wife, Delores "Doty", all of Ubly. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, David; sisters, Dorothy Schroeder and Evelyn Zmich; father-in-law, Stanley Glaza; sister-in-law, Judy Glaza. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Patrick O'Connor, pastor of St. John Evangelist Catholic Church in Essexville, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. John Cemetery in Ubly. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Monday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to Heartland Hospice, Sleeper Public Library or the Ubly Athletic Department.