

Messing Sr., Vincent L.

Mr. Vincent L. Messing Sr., 73, of Minden City, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2009 at Mercy Hospital in Port Huron.

He was born on June 4, 1935 in Delaware Township, to the late Elmer B. And Alma M. (Booms) Messing.

He married Bernadette Wodwaski on Jan. 4, 1958 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. Vincent attended Ss. Peter & Paul High School. He sailed the Great Lakes from 1950-1957 while working on his family's farm. He farmed for most of his life, retiring in 1997. He delivered newspapers for seven years for the Huron Daily Tribune until January of this year. He was a parishioner at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where he was a lector. Vincent was a member and past Grand Knight of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council # 3823. He was a board member of the Minden City Village Council. He was a 19 year survivor as a kidney recipient from his sister, Beatrice. He loved working and being a leader of the family and community. He enjoyed fishing, playing euchre and visiting with all.

Vincent is survived by his wife of 51 years, Bernadette Messing of Minden City; Vincent Jr. of Ruth, Christopher and wife, Dorothy, of Ruth, Neil and wife, Diane, of Bad Axe, Stan and Laurie of Cass City, Leo and wife, Tanya, of Ubly, Julie Ann Stapleton and husband, John, of Ubly, Andrew and special friend, Rose, of Minden City, Ambrose and wife, Madonna, of Ruth, Thomas of Ruth, Gregory of Minden City, Jonathon and wife, Karen, of Minden City; 23 grandchildren, Jacob Messing of Ruth, Andreanna Messing and fiancé, Jeff, and Crystal Messing, both of Minden City, Nathan Messing and wife, Danielle, of Bad Axe, Corey Messing and wife, Rachel, of Pigeon, Nehemiah Messing of Bad Axe, Jordan, Blake and Macey Messing of Cass City, Robert and Ryan Messing of Ubly, Michael, Breanna and Mathew Stapleton of Ubly, Tiffany Messing and fiancé, Jason, of Fort Gratiot; Erica and Andrew Messing Jr. of Bad Axe, Justin, Mitchell and Kara Messing of Ruth, Thomas (T.J.) and Bryant Messing of Ruth, Griffin Messing of Minden City; one great-granddaughter, McKayla Messing; seven sisters, Rosemary (Raymond) Block of N.C., Beatrice (John) Shultz of Calif., Rita (Ralph) Seidl of Ill., Diane (John) Hardison of Ariz., Evelyn (Eldon) Sass of Ft. Gratiot, Bernadette (Frank) Pickett of Port Huron, Viola (James) Essenmacher of Imlay City; eight brothers, Leroy (Jean) of Alaska, Gerald (Mary) of Minden City; Howard (Lucille) of Ga., Ernest (Marjorie) of Ubly, Russell (Rosemary) of Ruth, Dennis (Phyllis) of Deckerville, Patrick (Marianne) of Royal Oak; James (Rosalynd) of Va.

Vincent was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Mary Marie.

Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Robert Pare, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Ave in Minden City. There will be a Ruth Knights of Columbus rosary at 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Both services will be at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund.